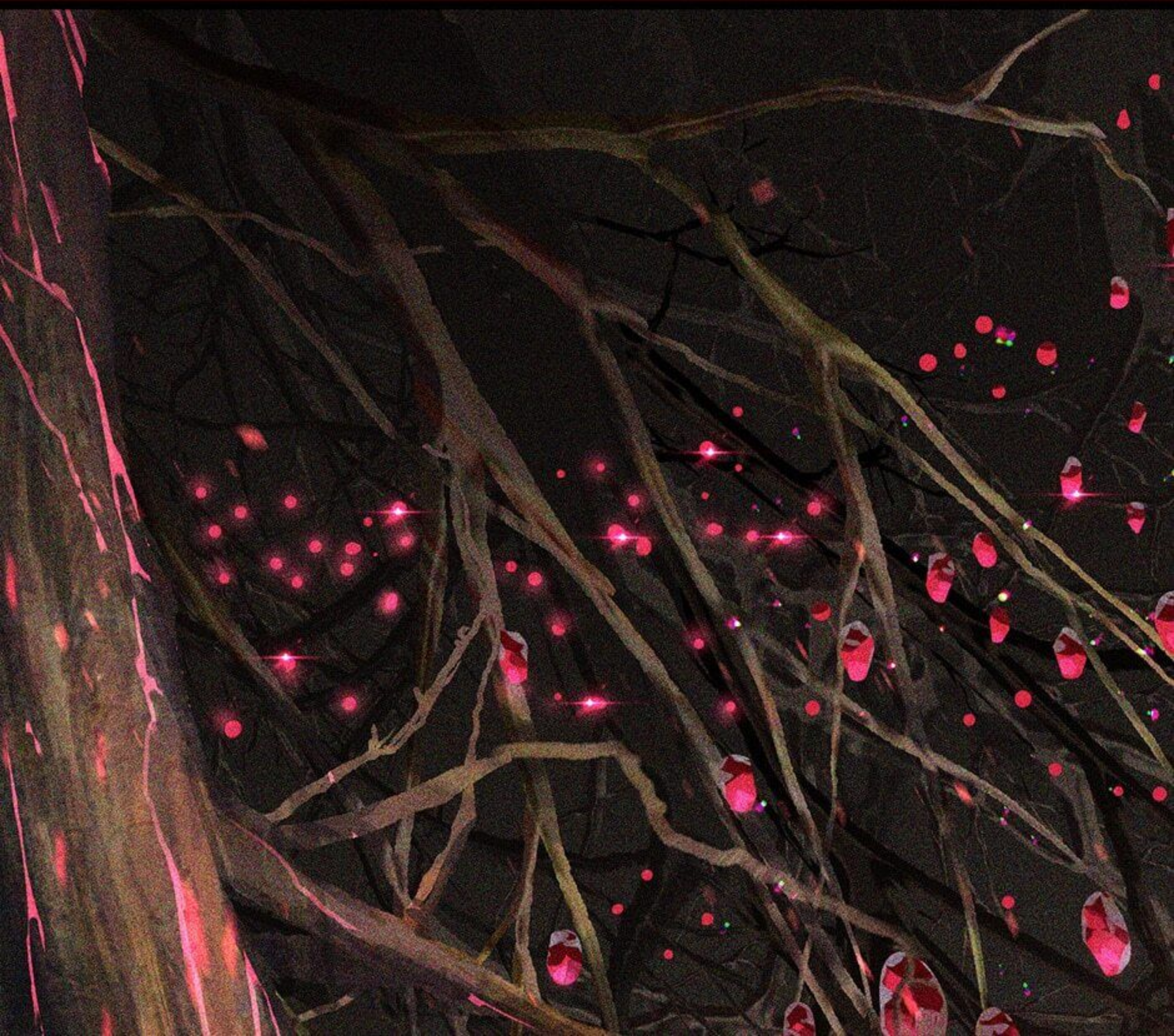

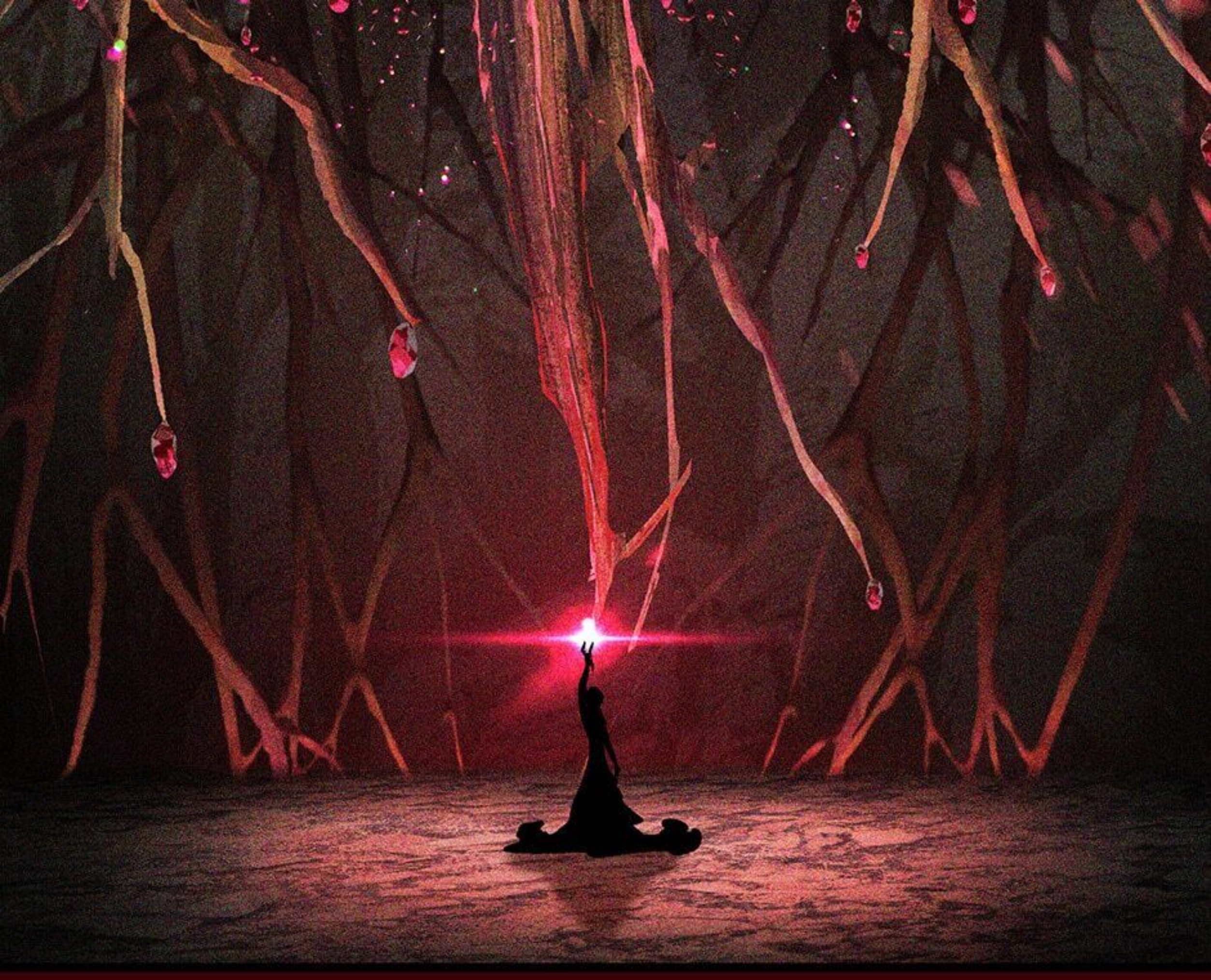

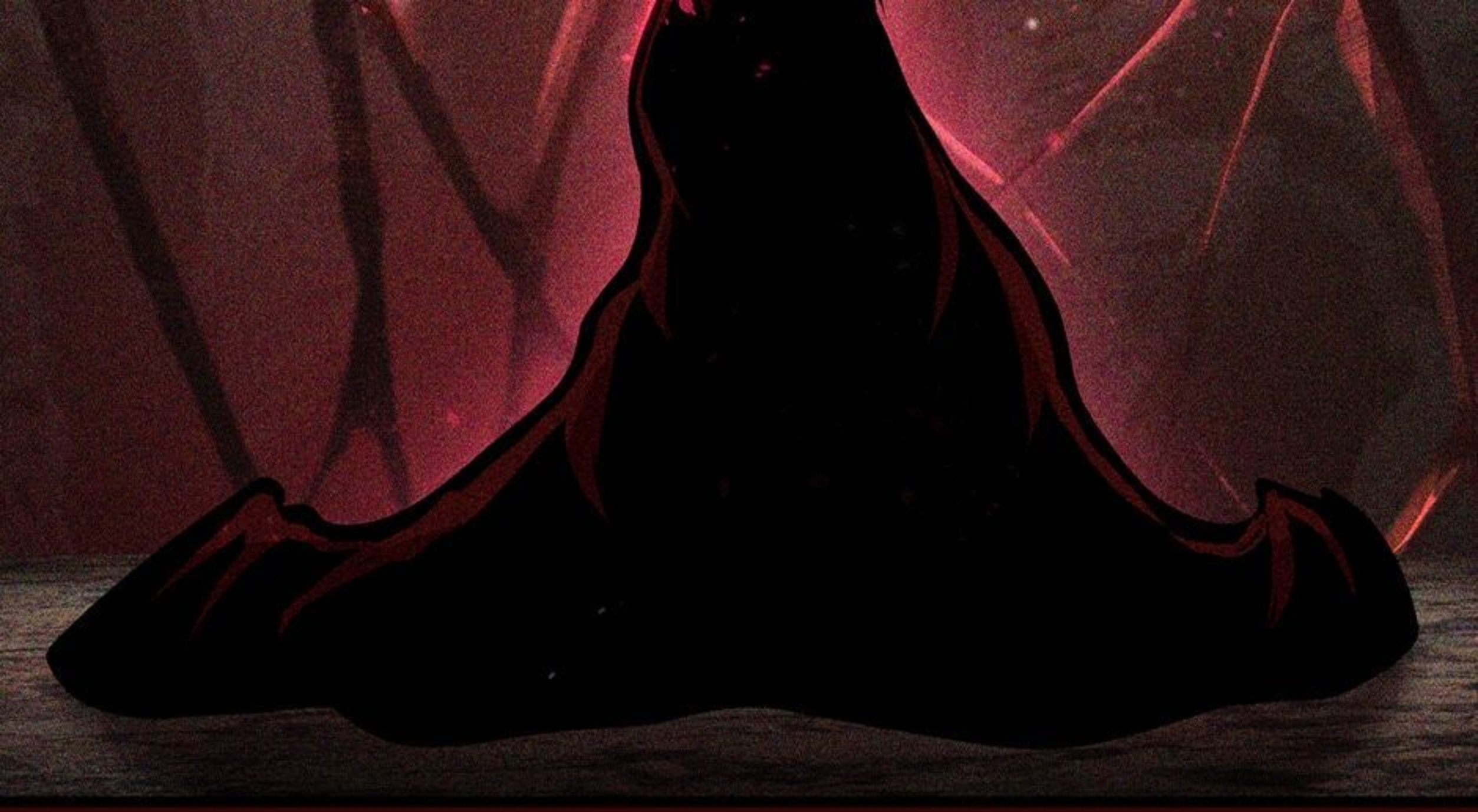

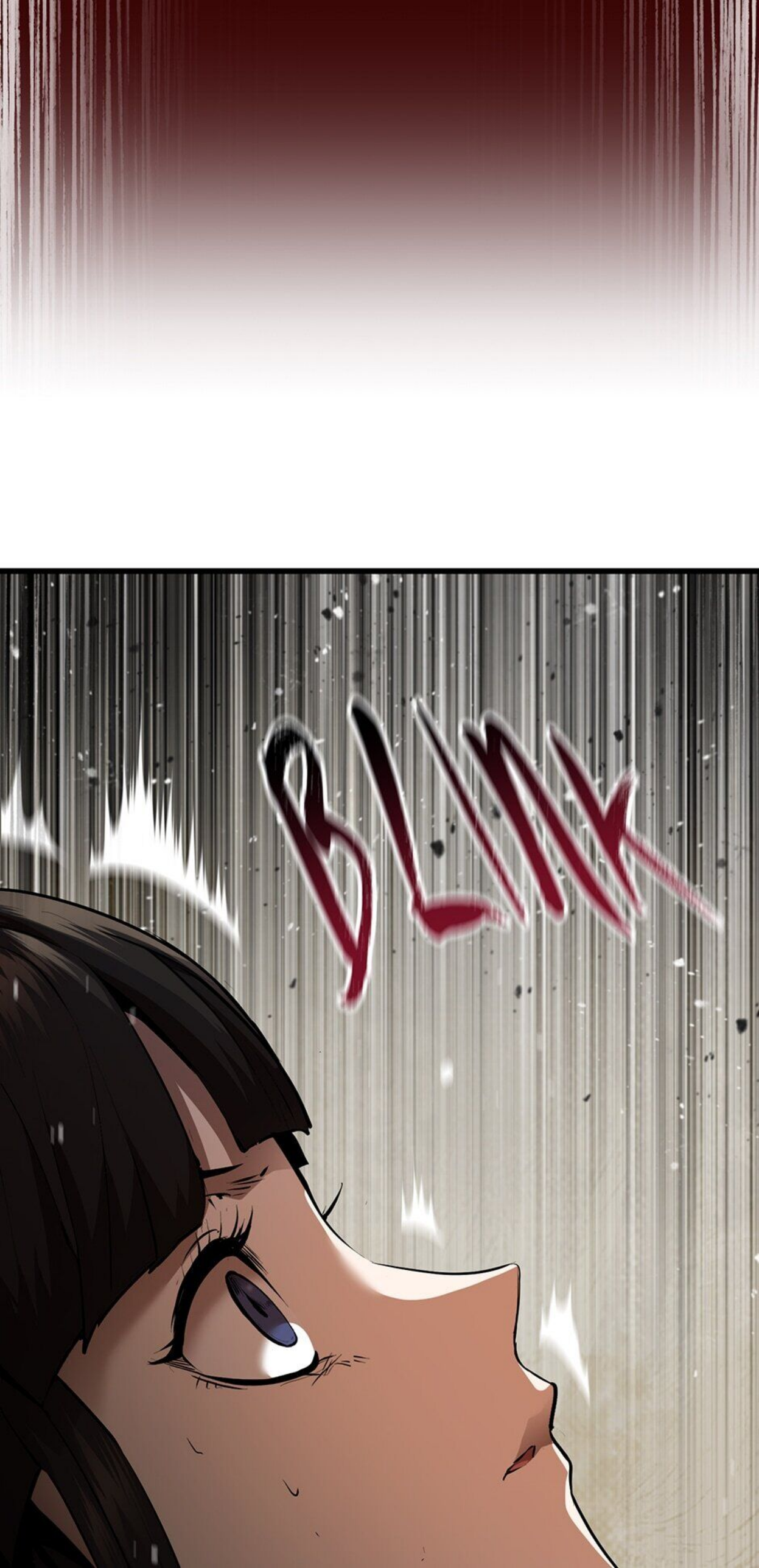
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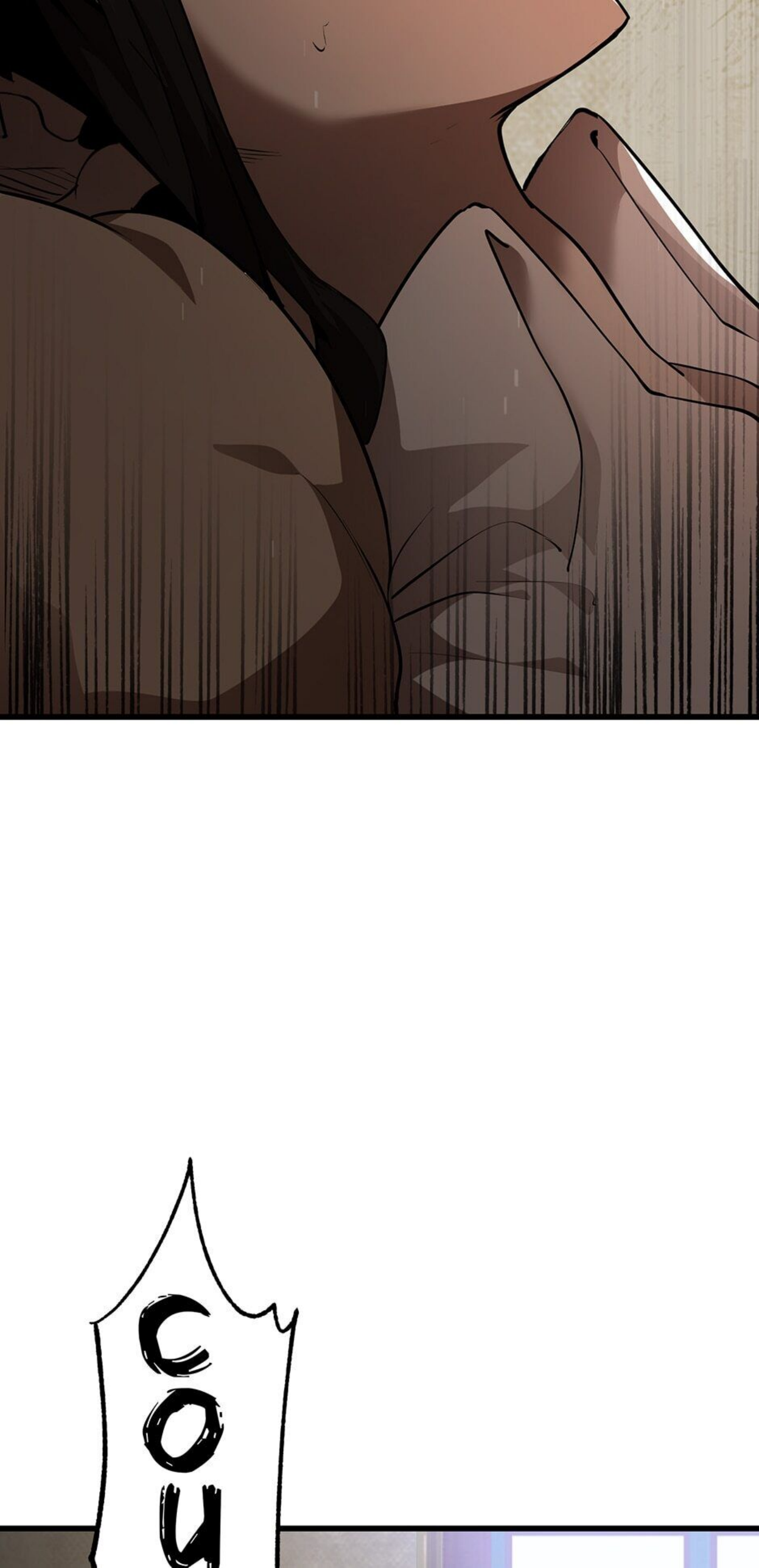
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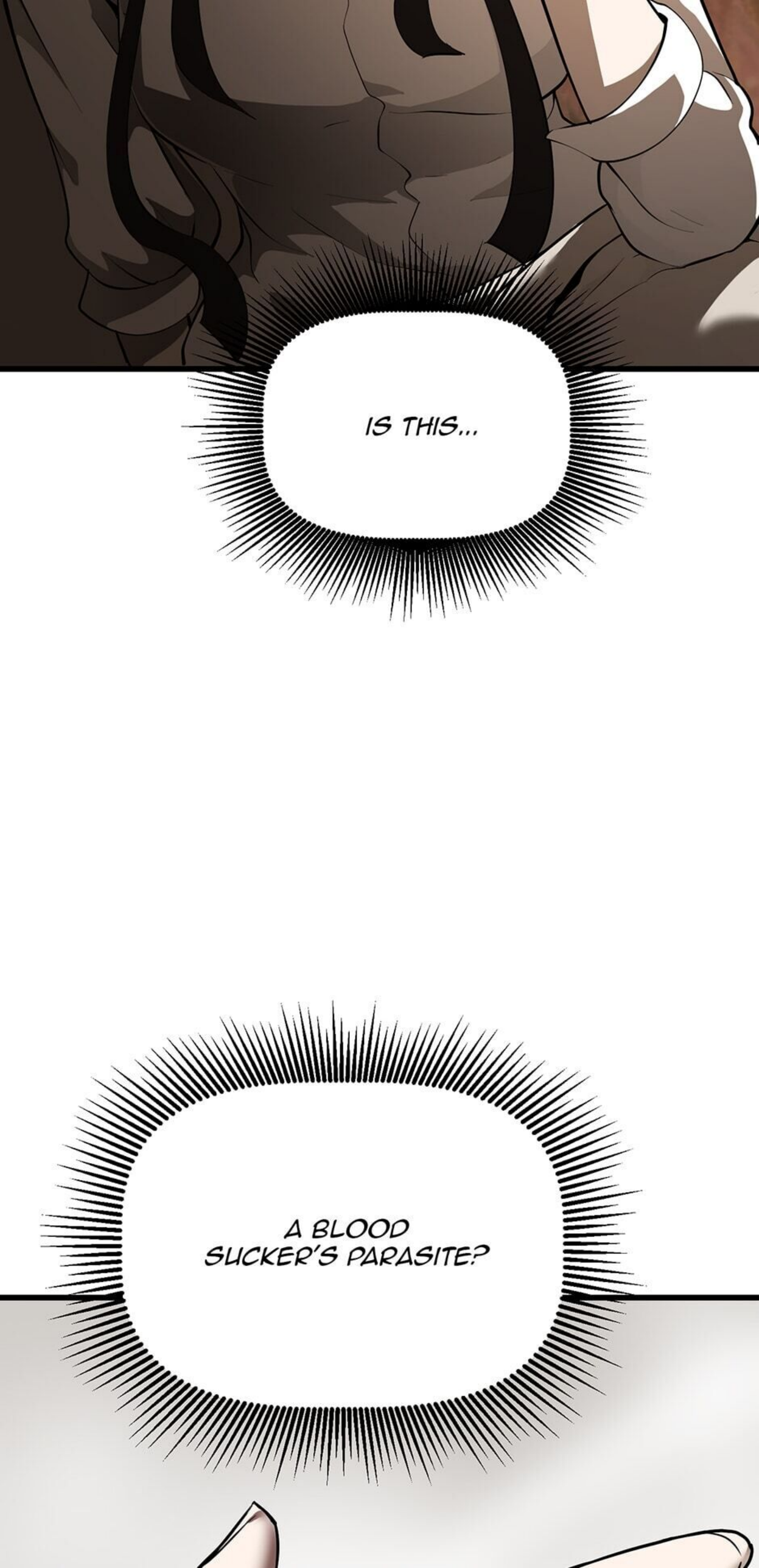
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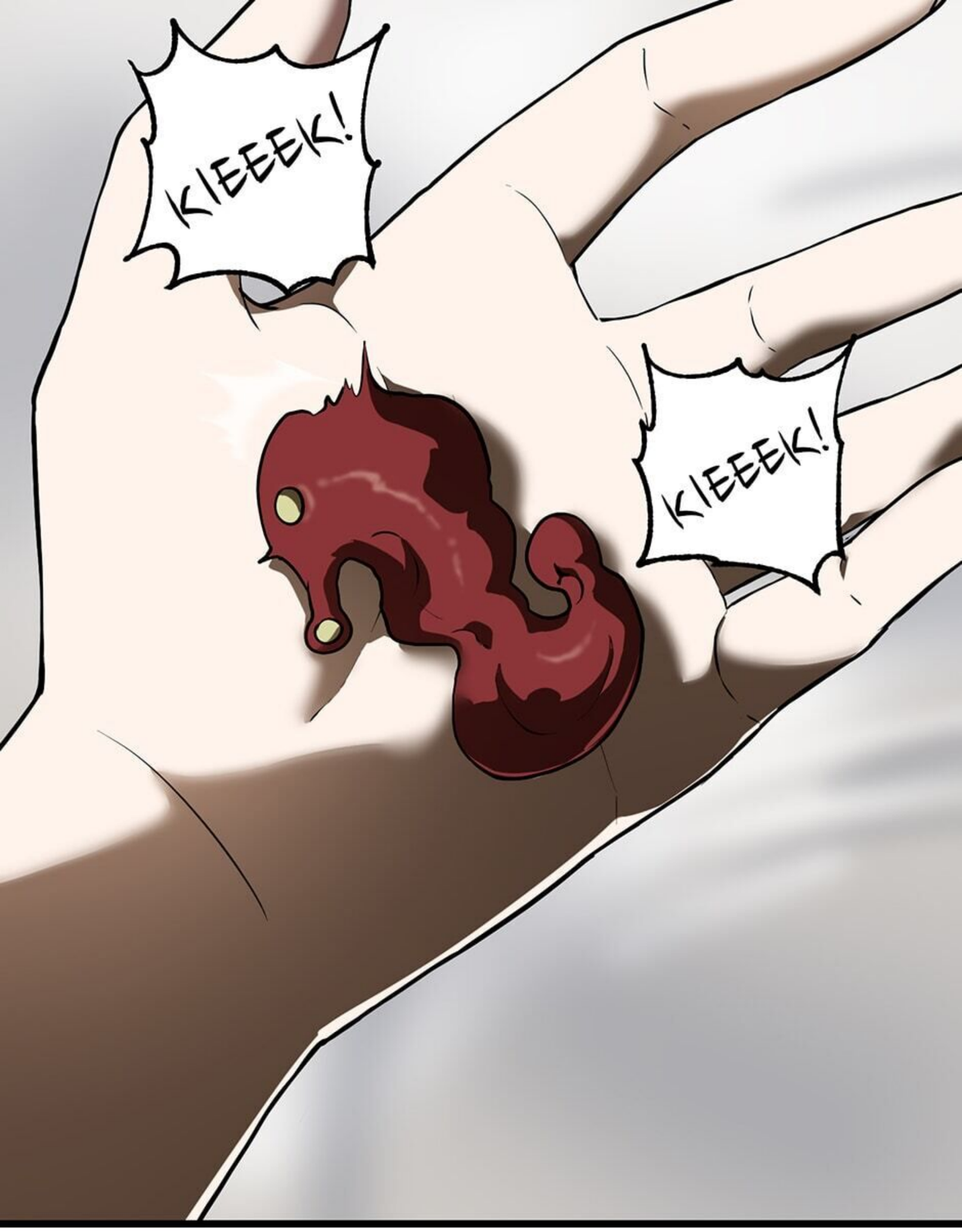
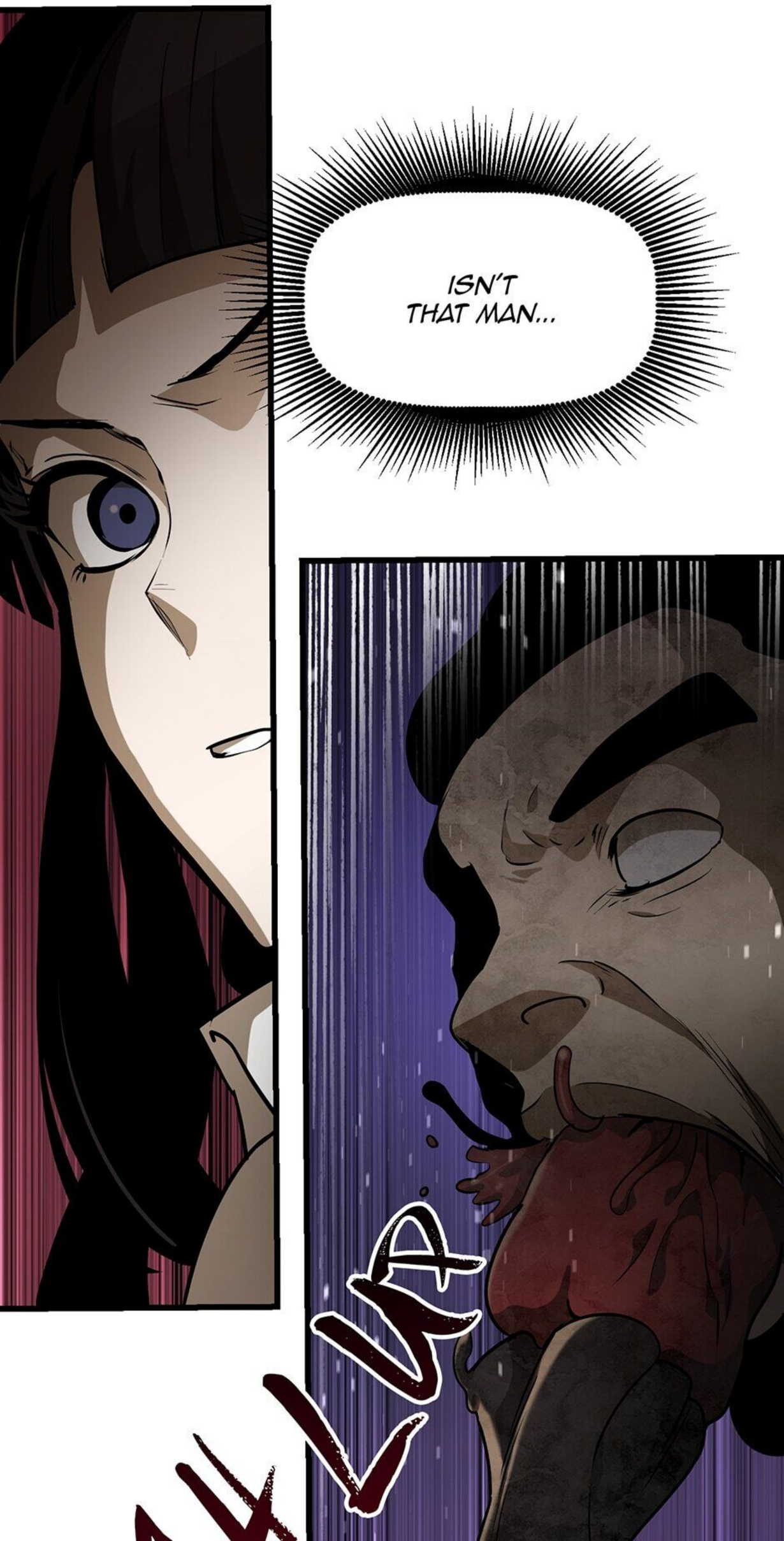
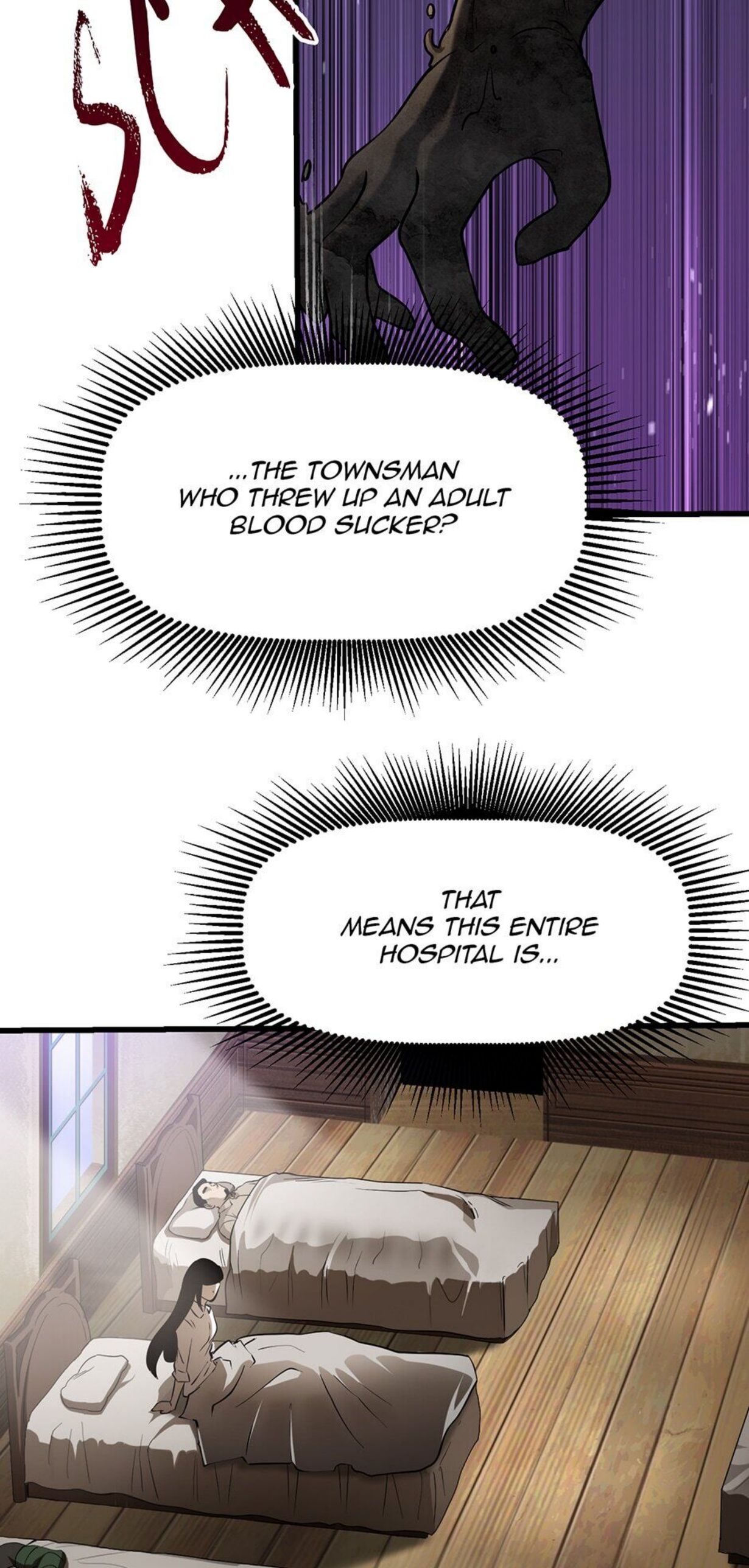

KIEEEK!
KIEEEK!

AND AM I...
IN THE TOWN'S
HOSPITAL?


ISN'T THAT MAN...
ALLURA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...THE TOWNSMAN WHO THREW UP AN ADULT BLOOD SUCKER?
THAT MEANS THIS ENTIRE HOSPITAL IS...

...WHERE BLOOD SUCKERS ARE CULTIVATED AND THE MUMMIFIED PATIENTS ARE HELD.

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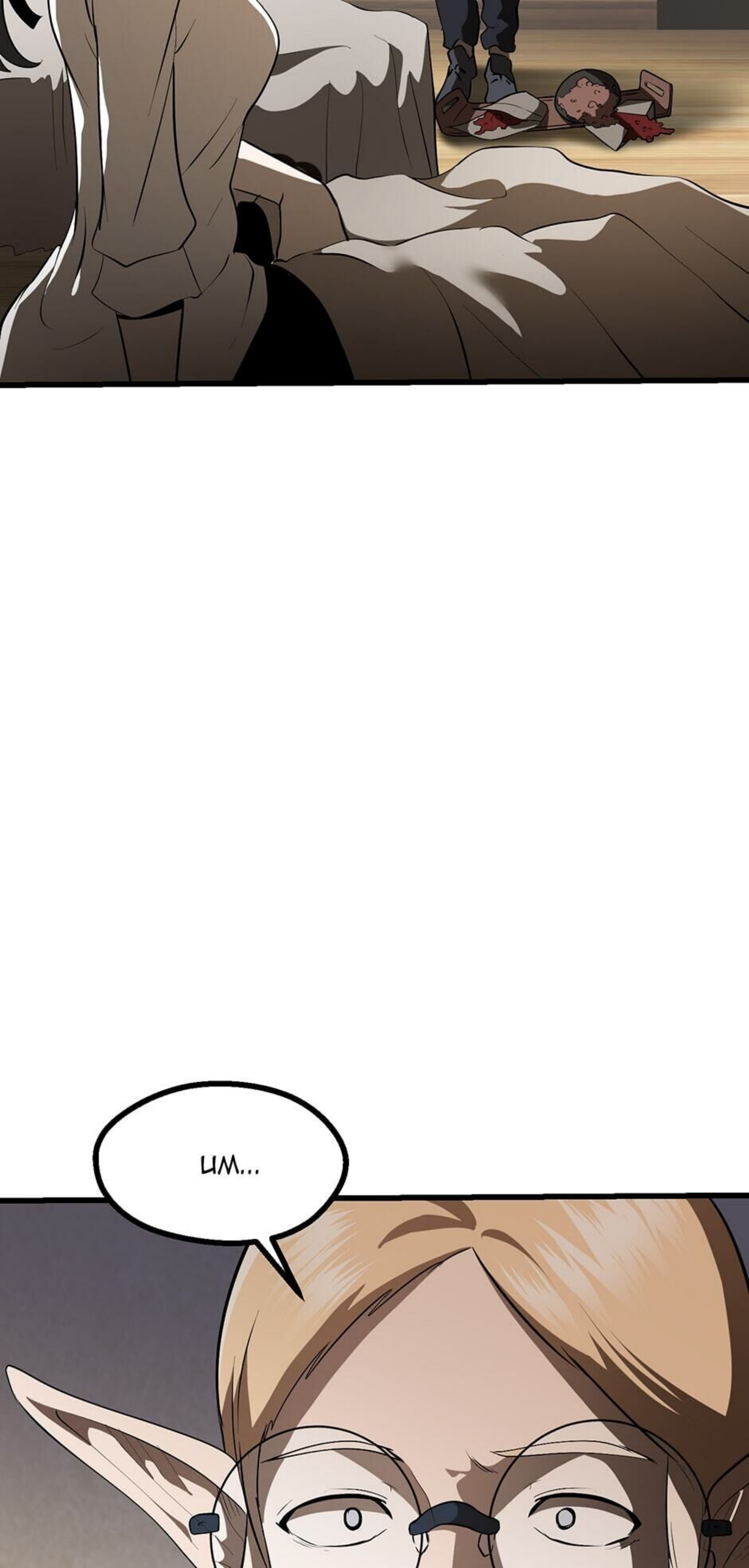
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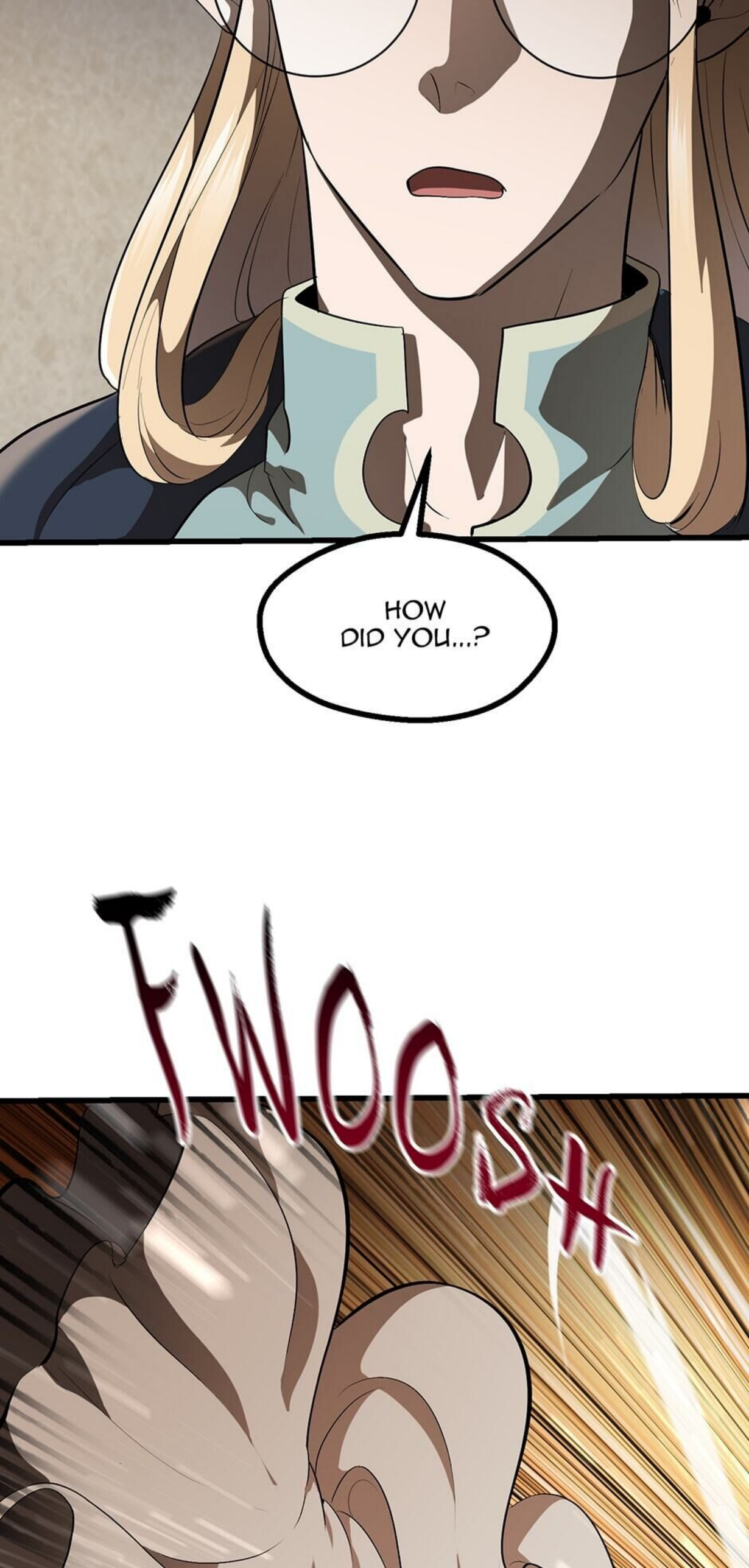
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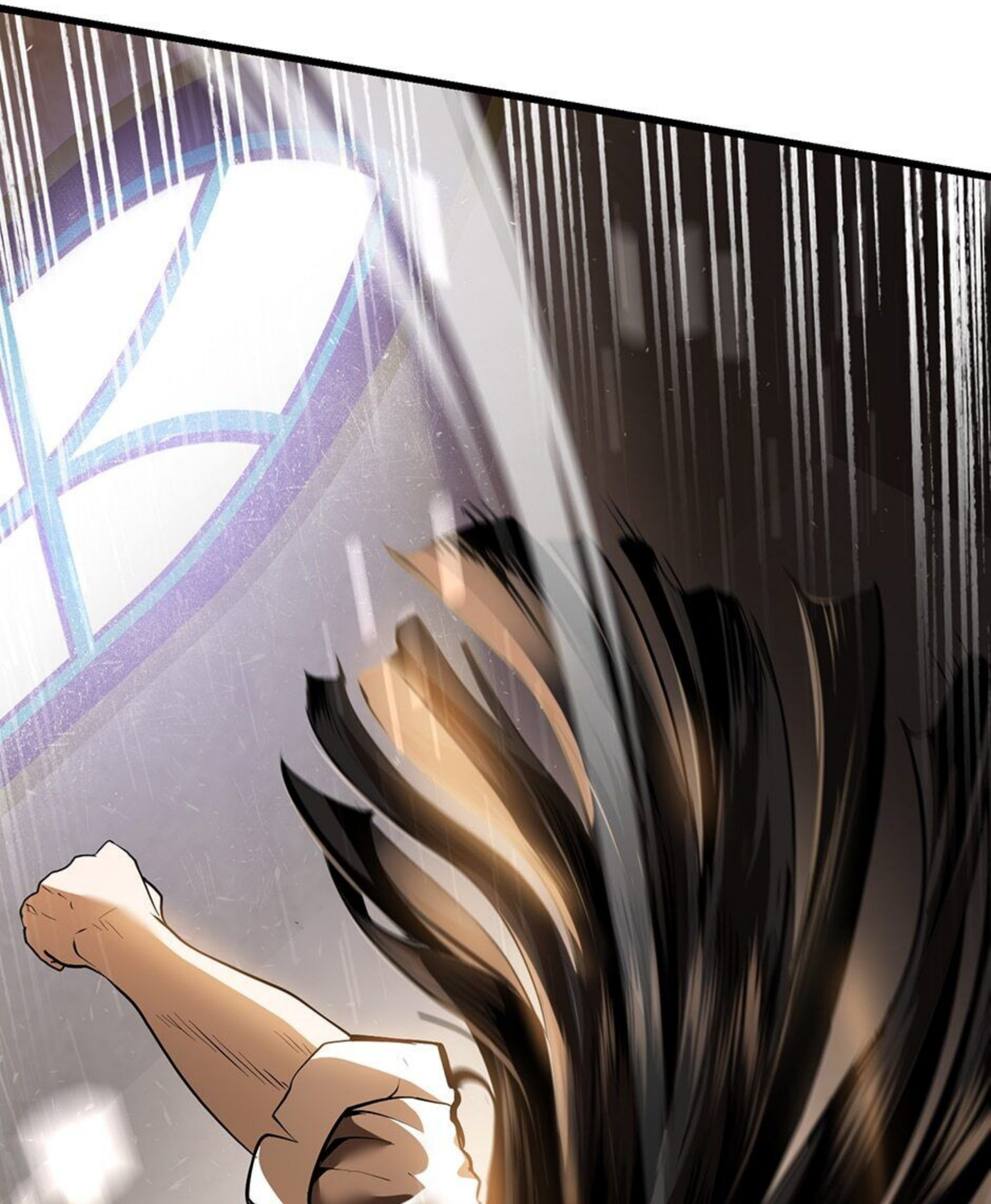

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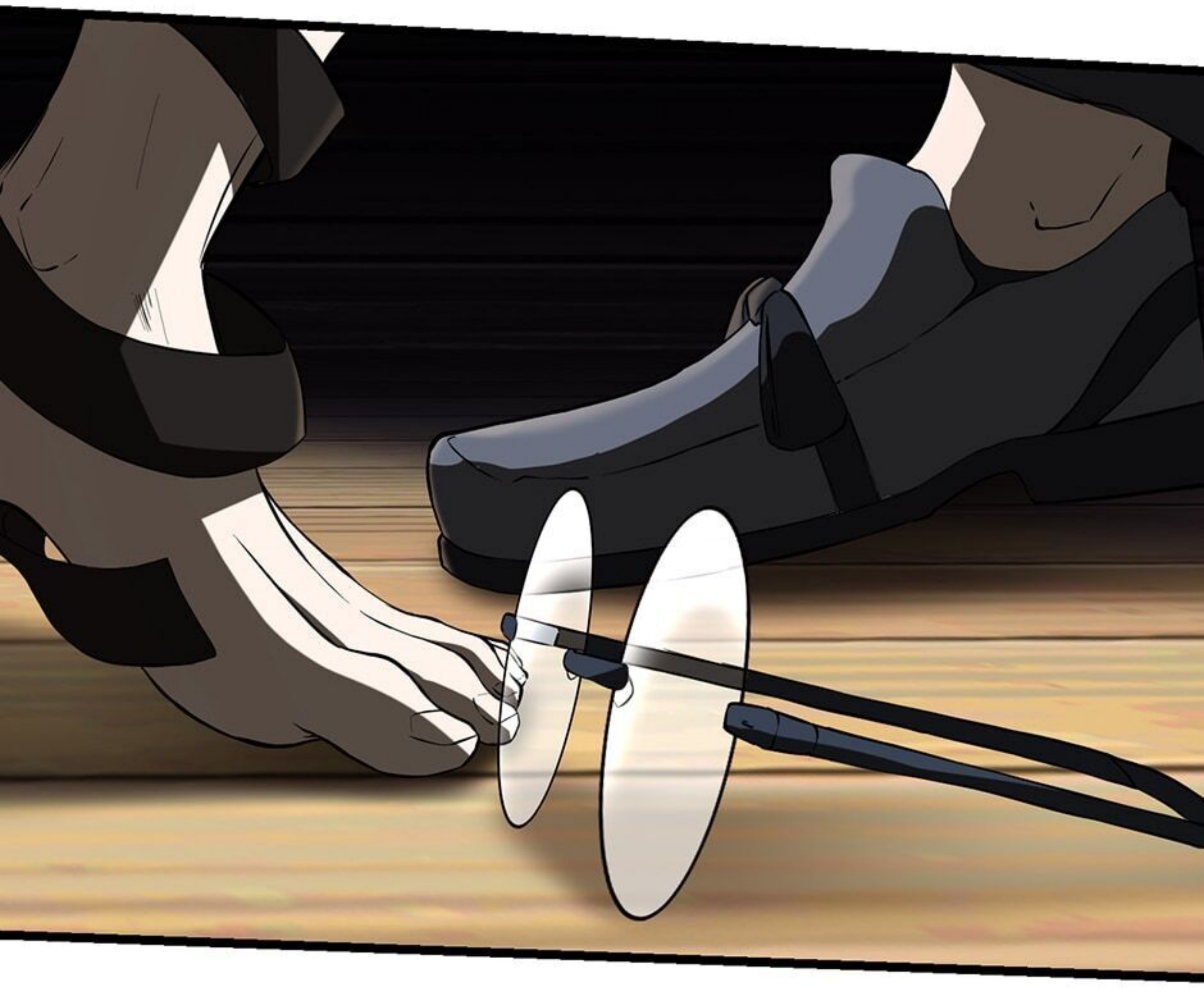
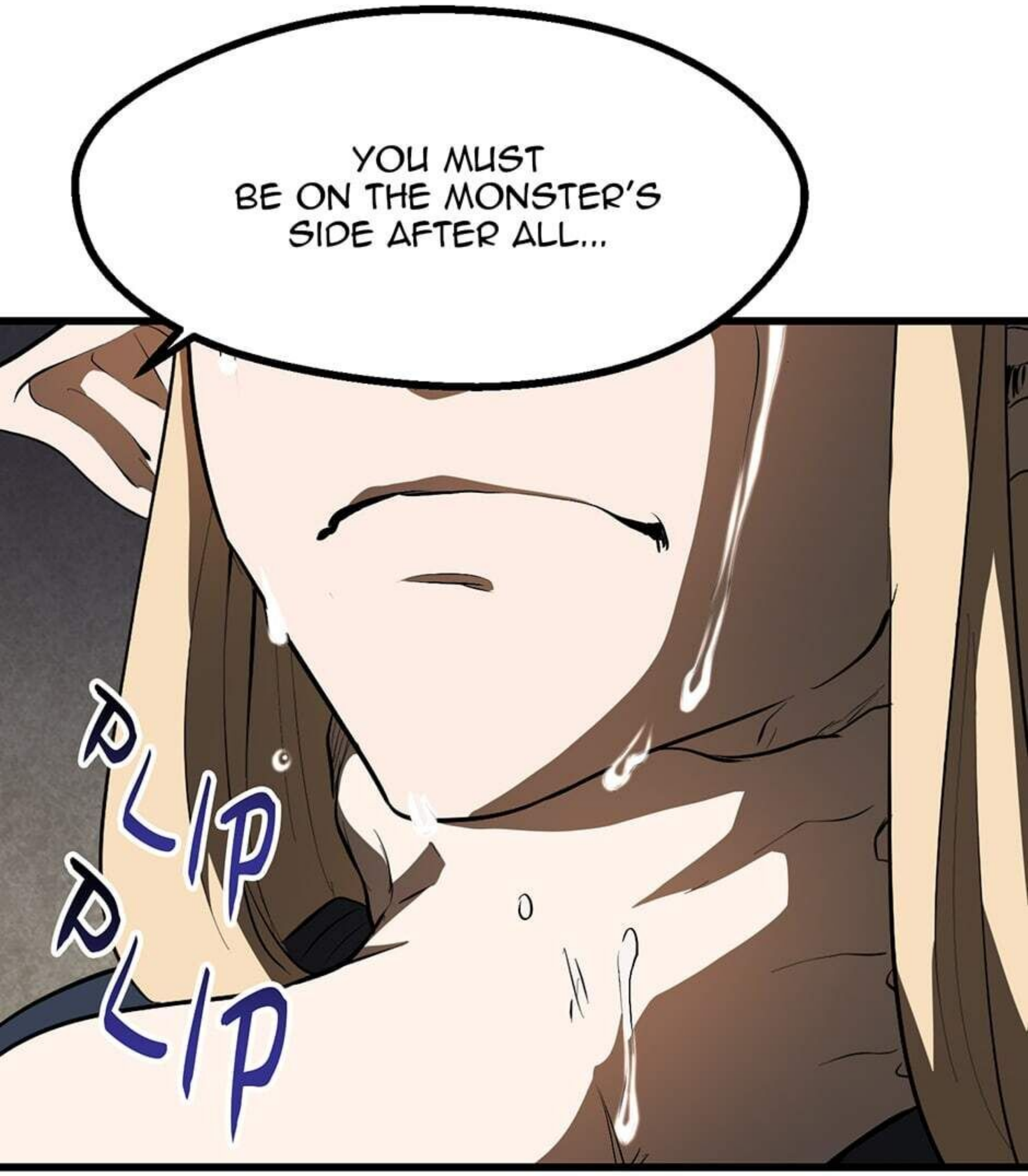
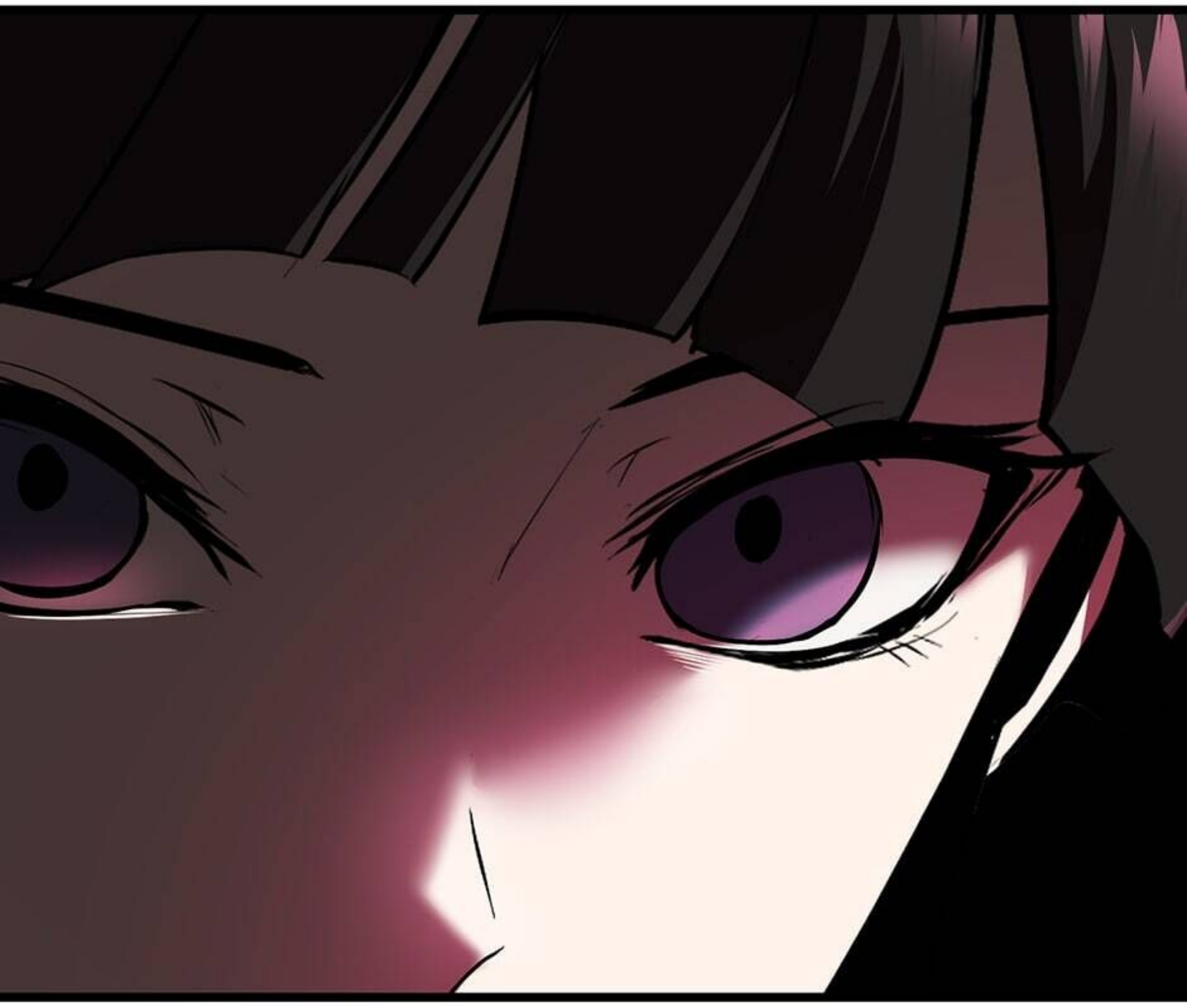
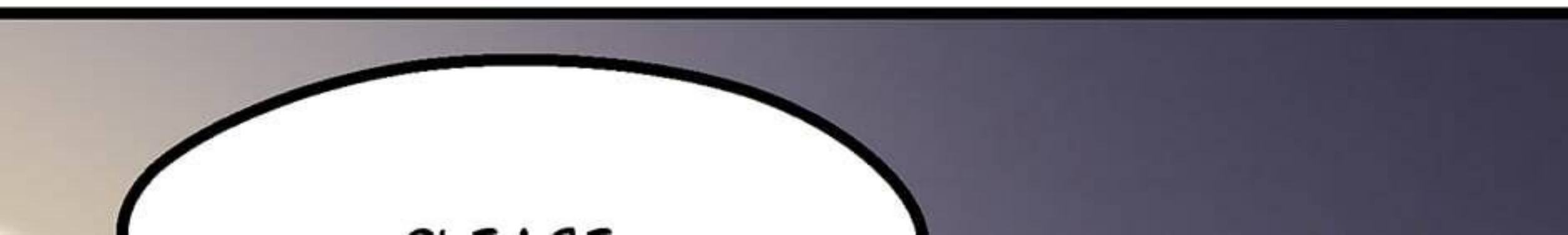


I GUESS YOU CAN'T CONTROL AURA THAT'S EMITTED WHILE BEING UNCONSCIOUS.

SQUELCH
BUT HOW DID YOU REALIZE THAT I WAS NORMAL?


YOU MUST BE ON THE MONSTER'S SIDE AFTER ALL...
DLIP
DLIP





PLEASE...
...SAVE THIS TOWN!

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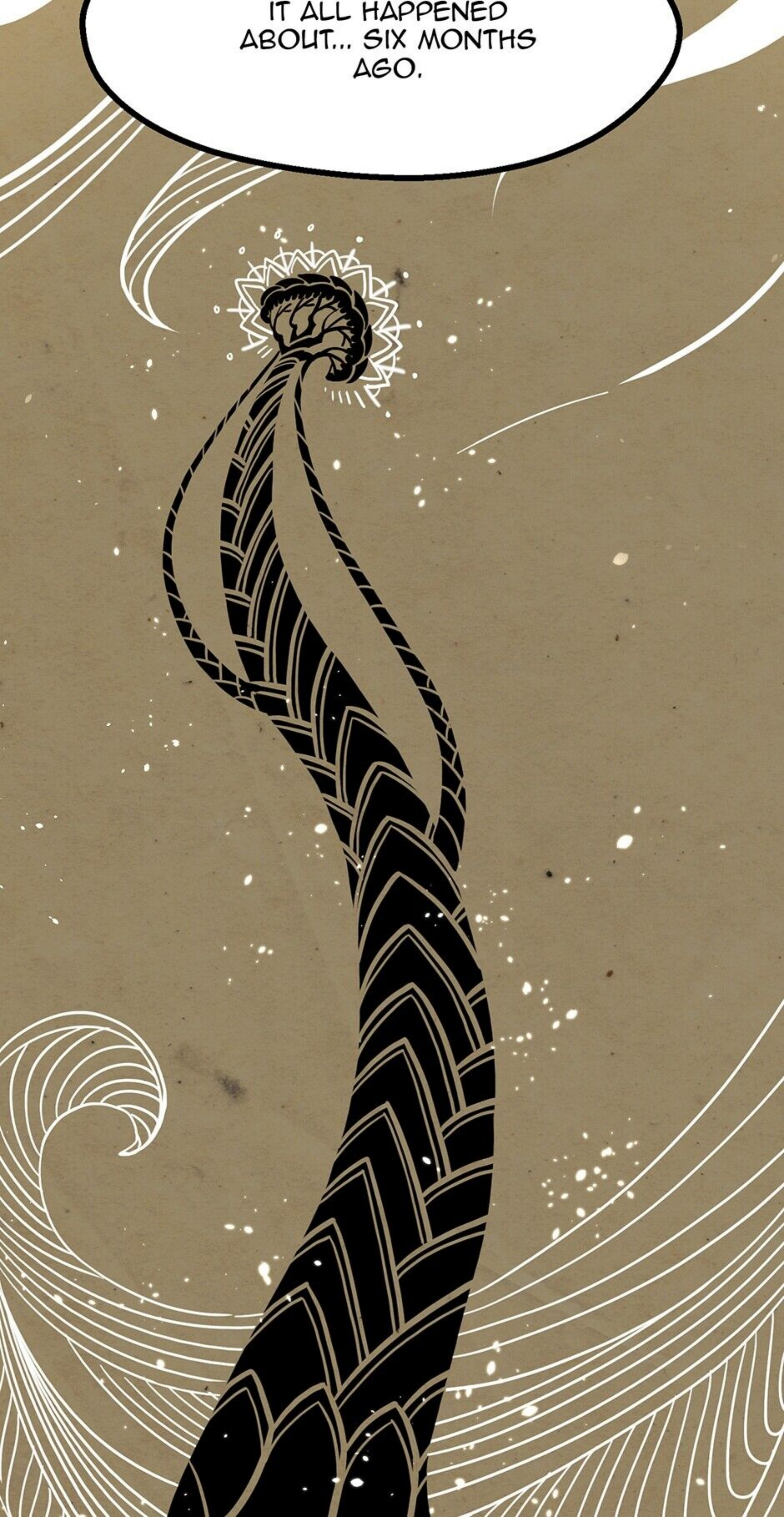
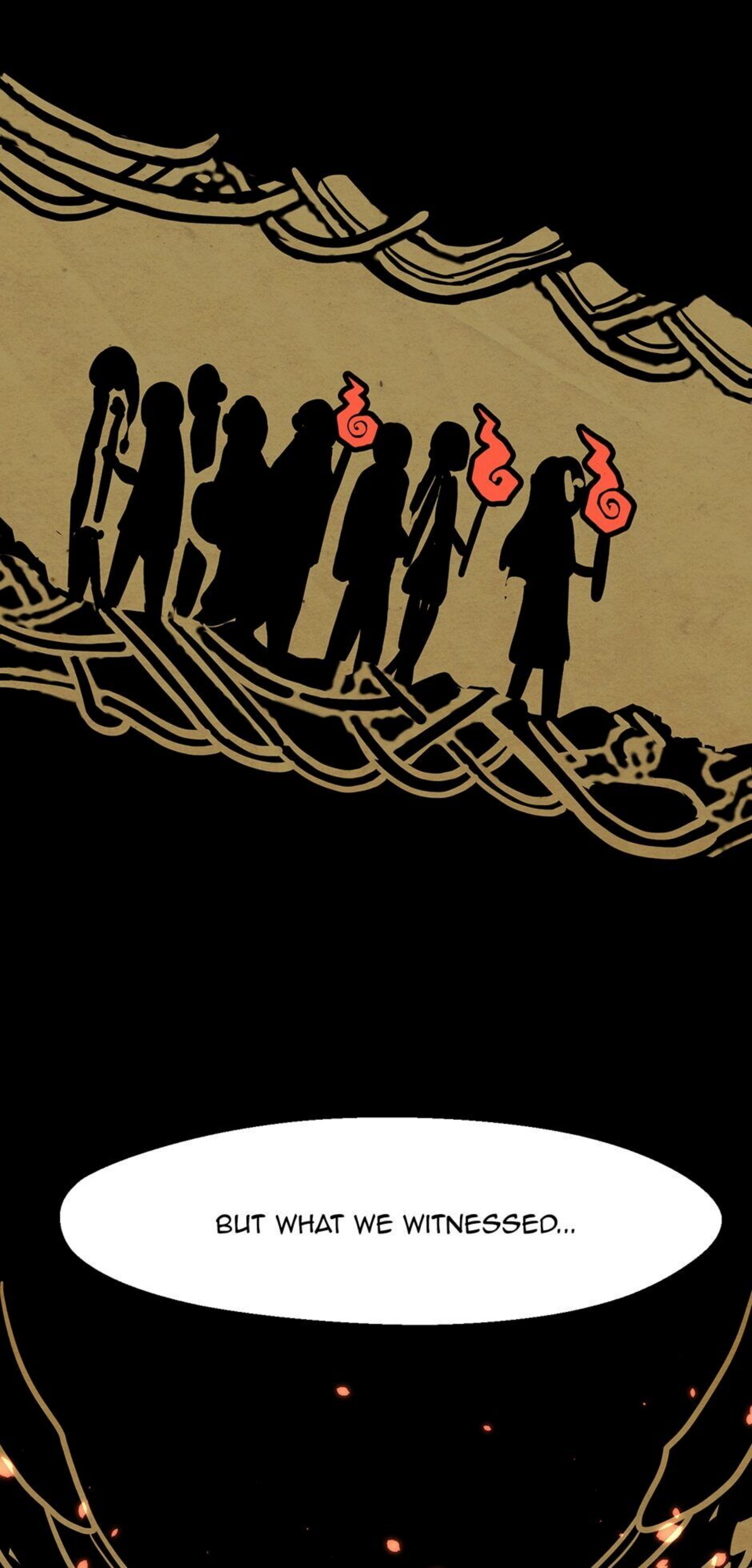

IT ALL HAPPENED ABOUT... SIX MONTHS AGO.

I HAD BEEN LIVING IN THIS TOWN, WORKING AS THE TOWN'S DOCTOR.

I HAD BEEN PUSHED OUT IN THE RACE TO SUCCEED THE THRONE, BUT I'M STILL A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY...
ONE DAY, I FELT OMINOUS ENERGY FROM THIS TOWN'S ROOTS OF THE WORLD TREE.

I WENT TO A
CAVE CONNECTED TO THE WORLD
TREE'S ROOTS WITH A FEW
TOWNSPEOPLE.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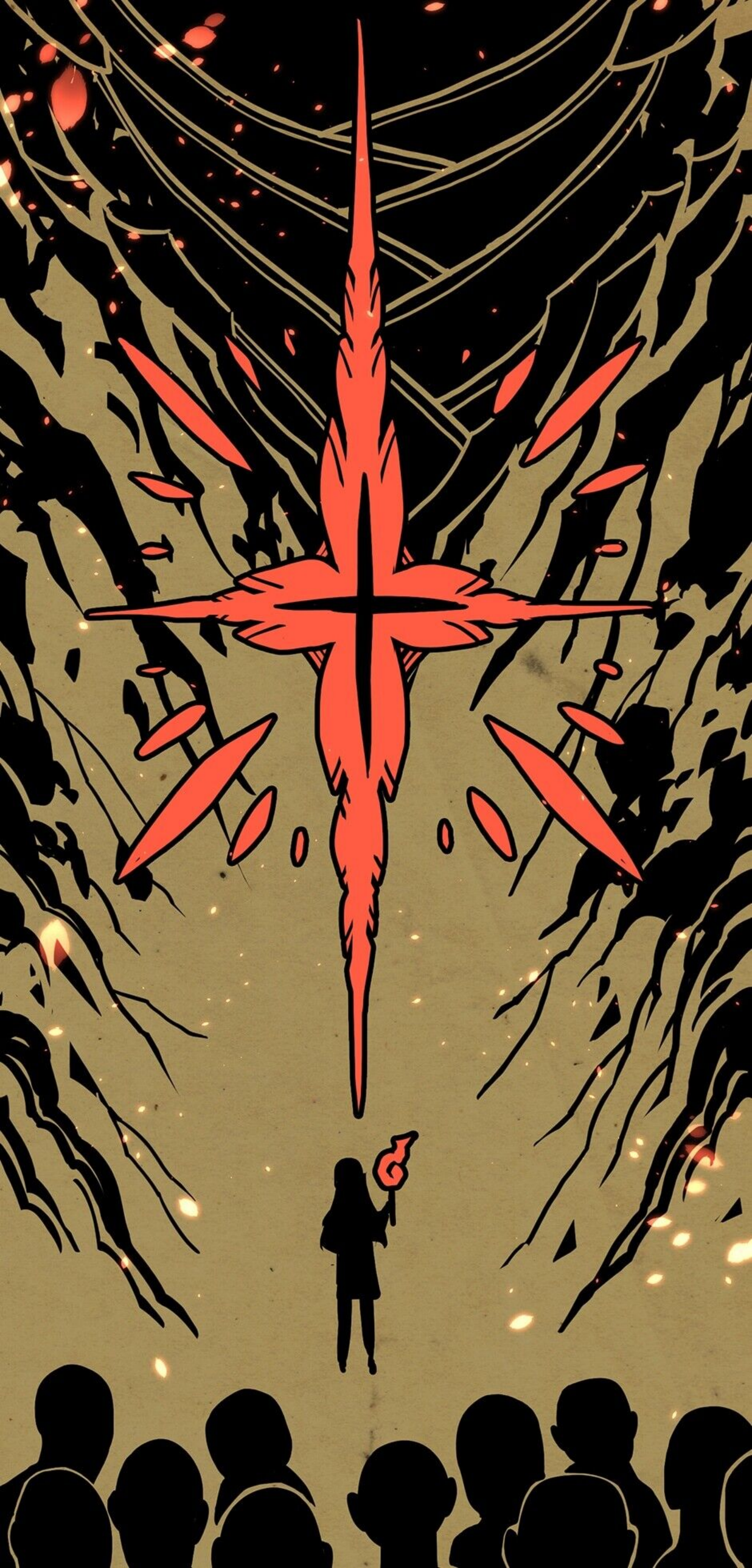
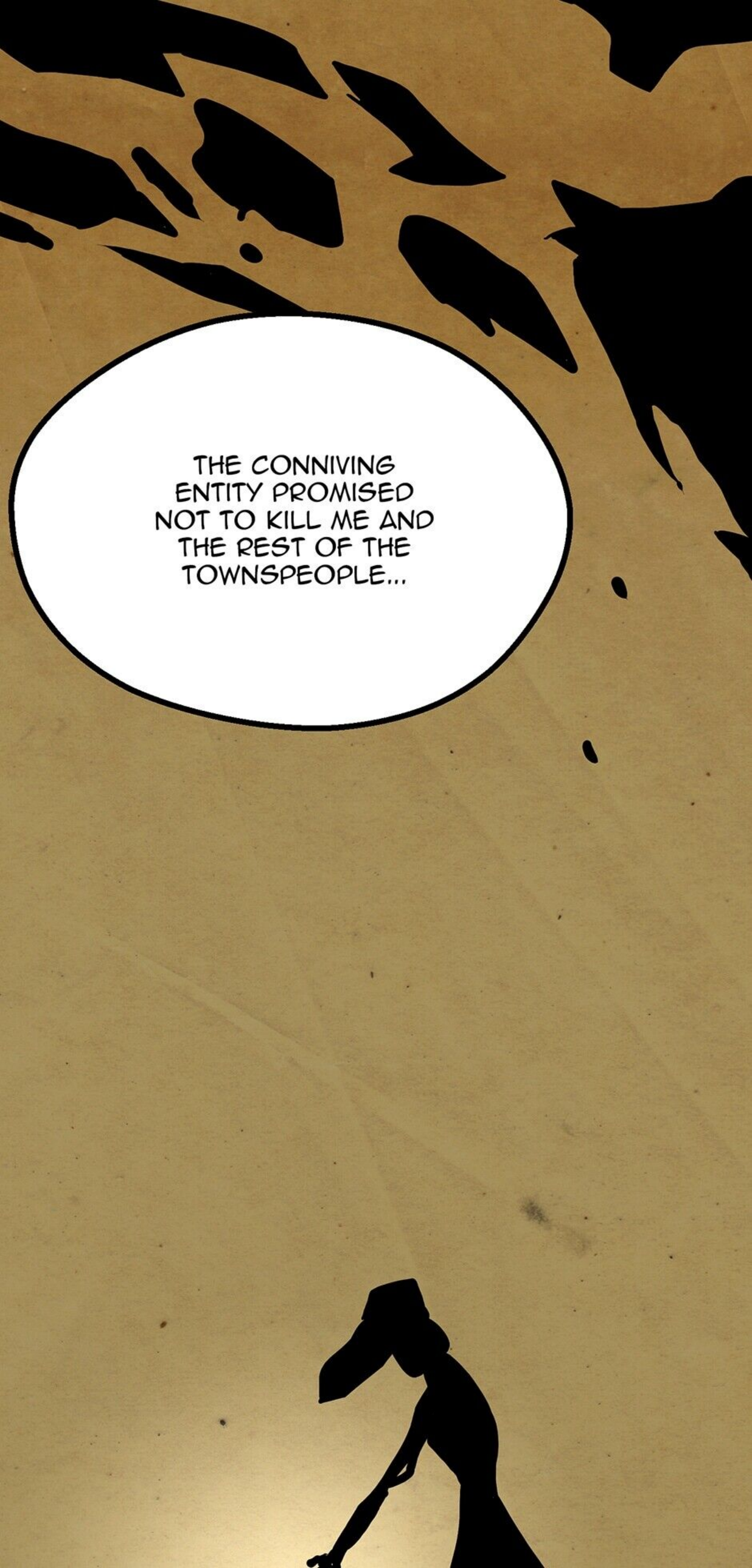


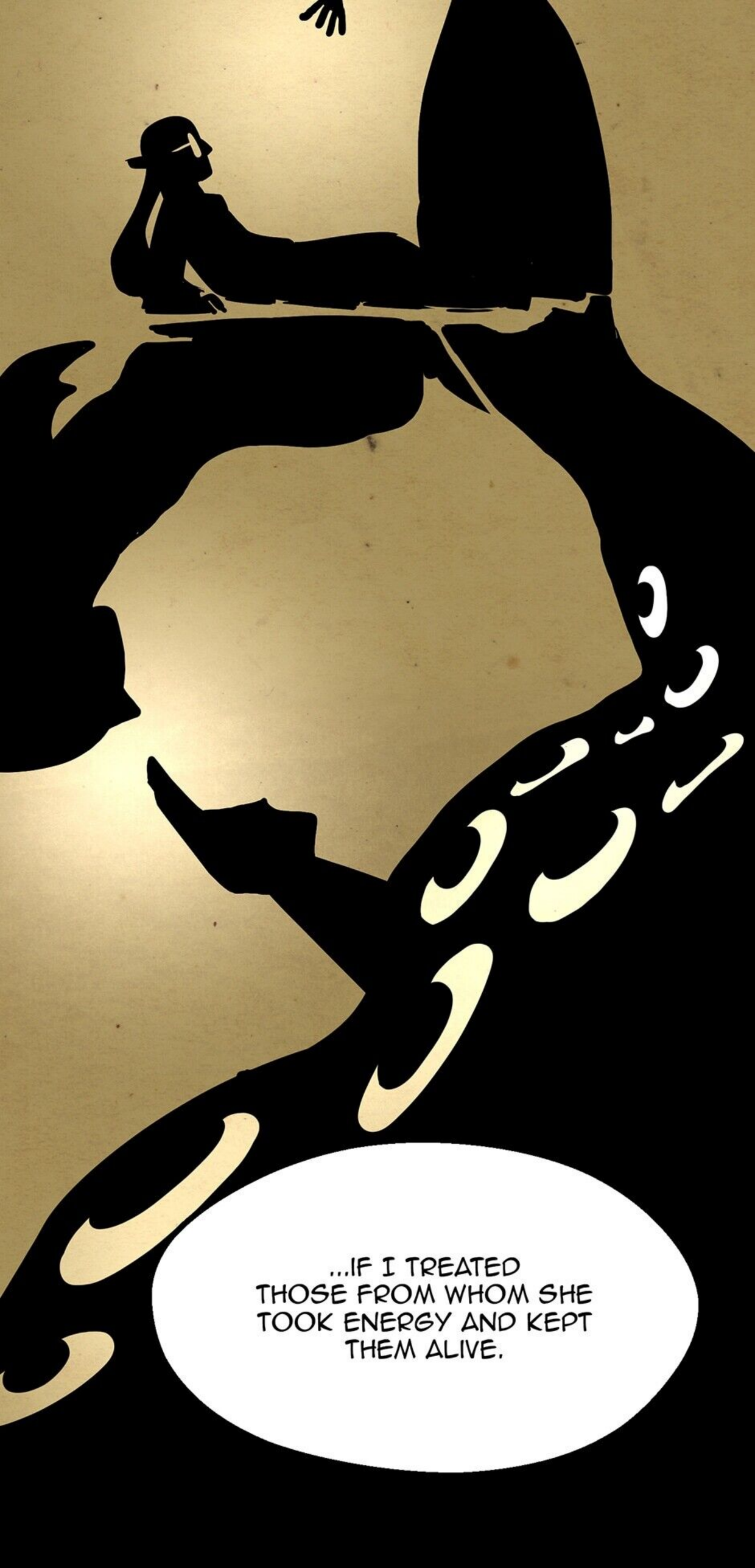
WAS A MYSTERIOUS 'CRACK' WITH RED LIGHT COMING OUT OF IT...
...POURING OUT STRANGE ENTITIES INTO THIS WORLD.

WHEN I CAME TO,

THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WITH ME HAD ALREADY KILLED EACH OTHER OFF.
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT, SINCE ELVES DON'T GET INFECTED...

BUT THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN HAD ALREADY BEEN LONG INFECTED BEFORE THAT POINT.


THE CONNIVING ENTITY PROMISED NOT TO KILL ME AND THE REST OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE...

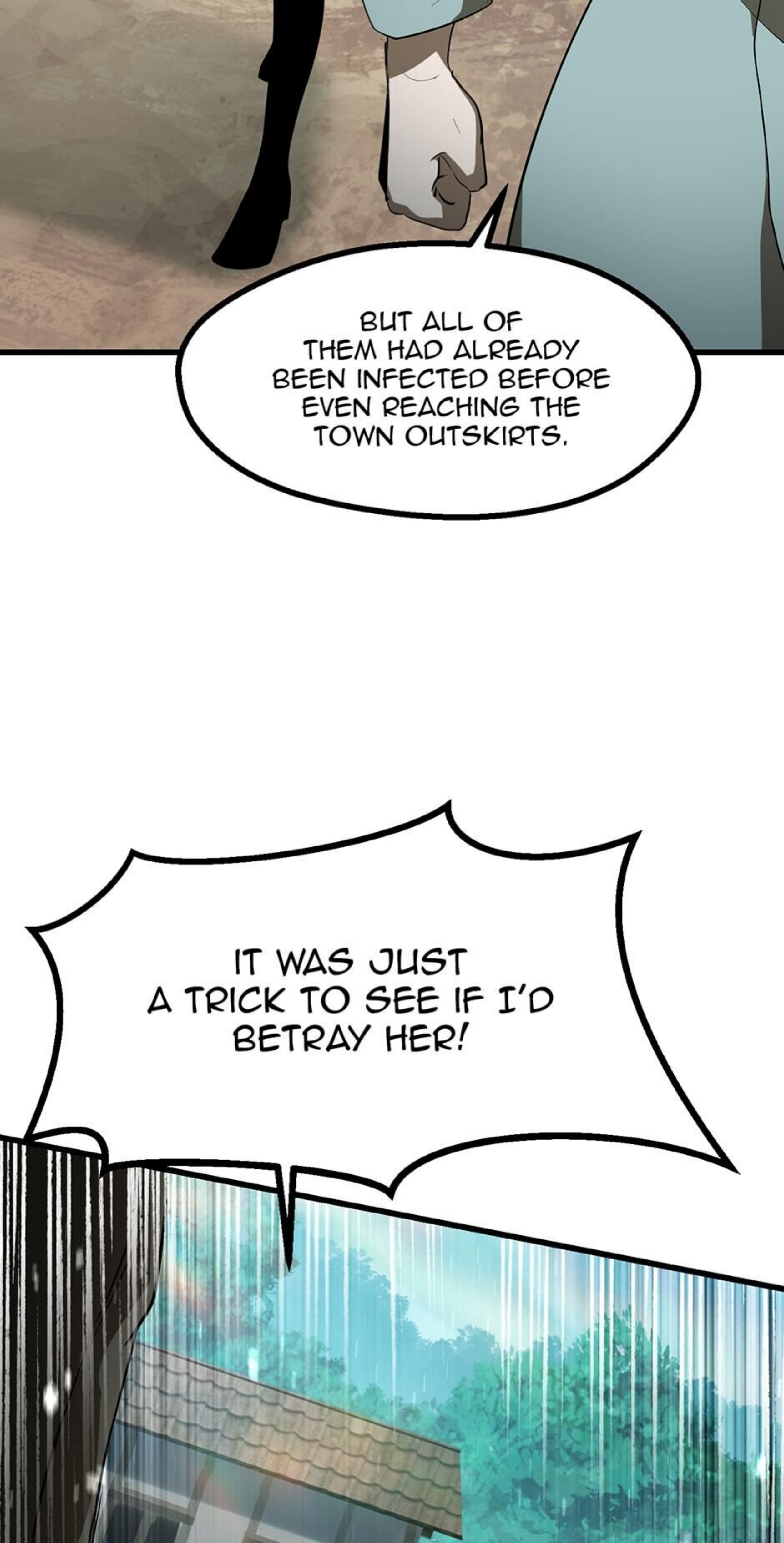

...IF I TREATED THOSE FROM WHOM SHE TOOK ENERGY AND KEPT THEM ALIVE.

ALL SO
THAT THIS TOWN
COULD CONTINUOUSLY CREATE
ENDLESS ENERGY FOR
HERSELF...

THEN WHY DION'T

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING UPON OUR ARRIVAL?
WE COULD'VE GONE BACK TO THE KINGDOM IF YOU TOLD US.

THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO CAME BEFORE YOU, AND EVEN MORE BEFORE THEM... AND I DID TELL THEM THE TRUTH.

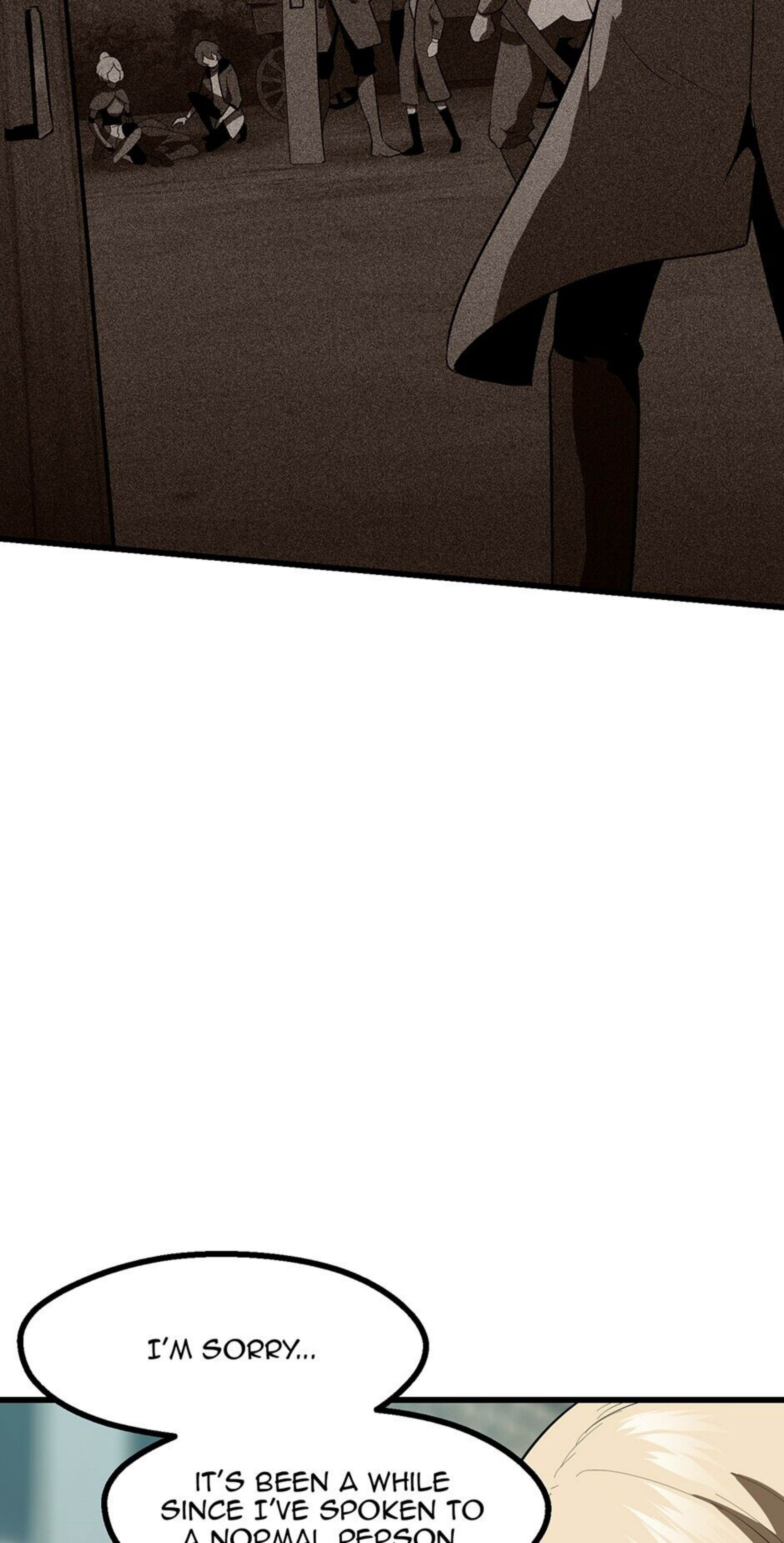

BUT ALL OF THEM HAD ALREADY BEEN INFECTED BEFORE EVEN REACHING THE TOWN OUTSKIRTS.
IT WAS JUST A TRICK TO SEE IF I'D BETRAY HER!

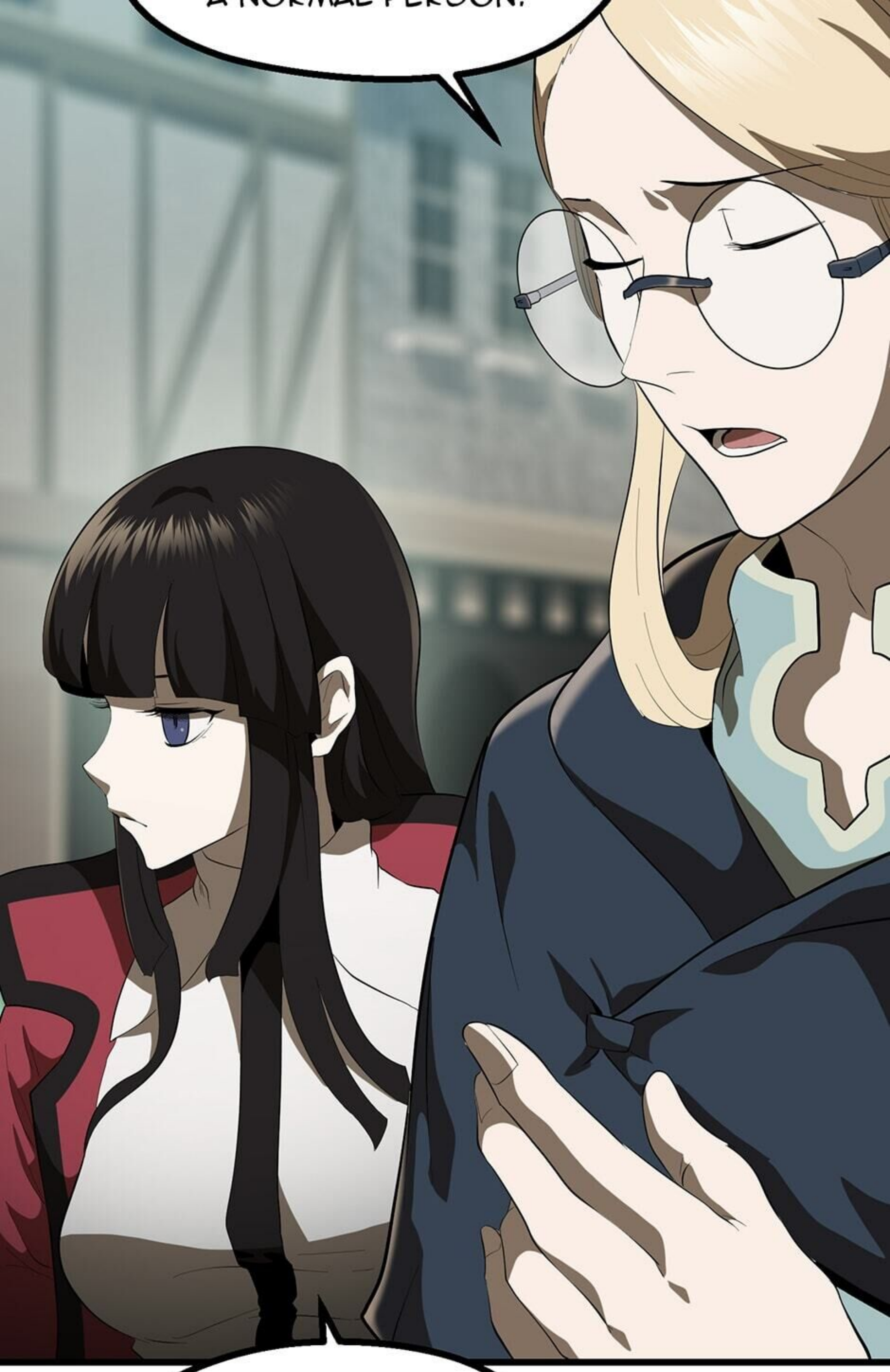
SHE SENT BLOOD SUCKERS EACH TIME TO KILL MORE PEOPLE!

I COULDN'T RUN AWAY EITHER BECAUSE OF THE INFECTED MONSTERS OUTSIDE THE TOWN, AS YOU'VE SEEN FOR YOURSELVES!

IT WAS A FUTILE EFFORT TO EXPLAIN THE TRUTH TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE WHOSE MINDS HAD ALREADY BEEN ALTERED...

I LET YOU IN THE TOWN... WITH A SLIGHT HOPE THAT MAYBE... IF IT'S YOU... YOU COULD HELP US.


I'M SORRY...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SPOKEN TO A NORMAL PERSON


A NORMAL PERSON.

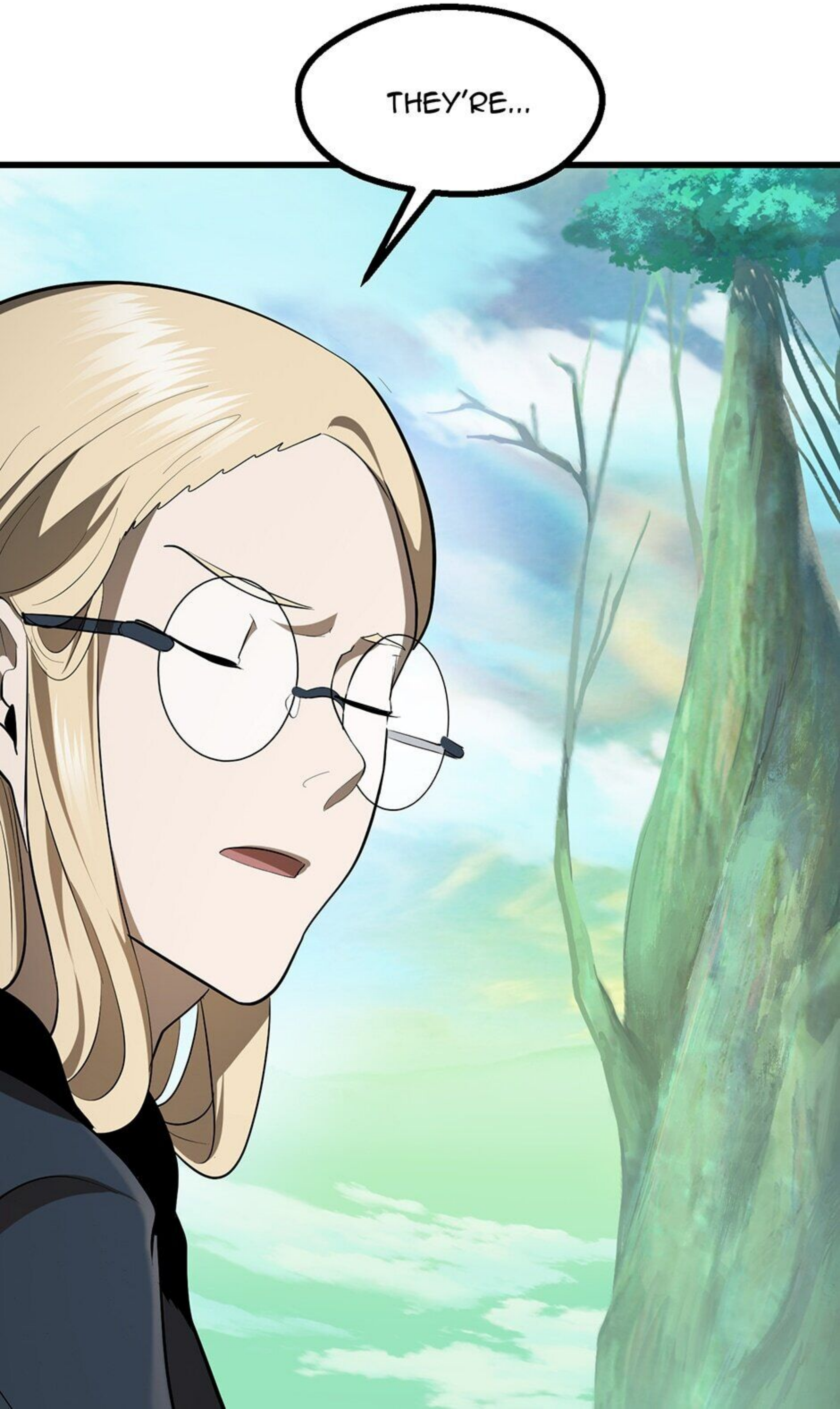
...

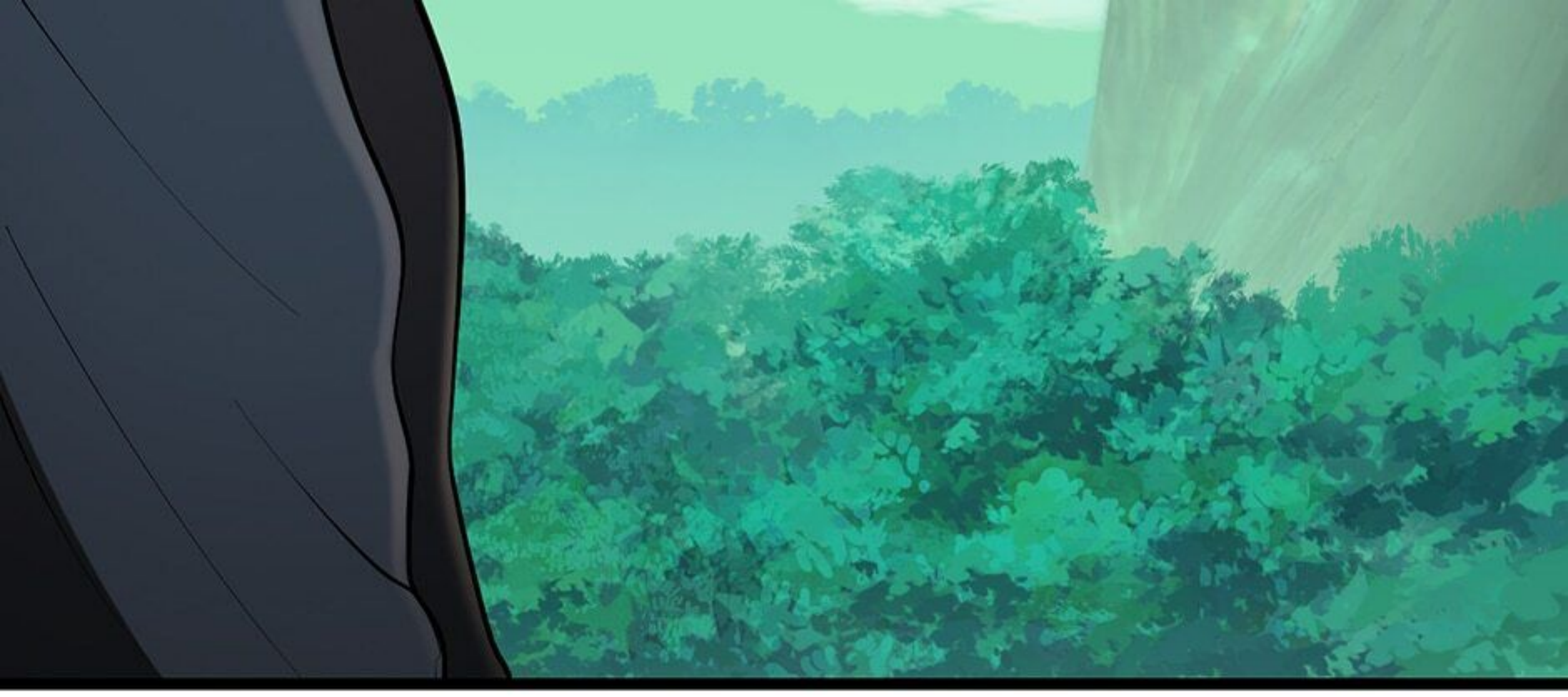
A HUGE CRACK
FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION...
AND MONSTERS THAT CAME
OUT OF IT...

A LOT OF IT MATCHES THE VISION I SAW...

THEN...

WHAT HAPPENED TO RAONDEL AND THE REST OF THEM?


THEY'RE...



SK

SAY 'AH'~

AH~

WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS IT TO YOUR LIKING?

YES, OF COURSE! I LOVE EVERY DISH YOU GIVE ME.
AW~ THANKS, HONEY~

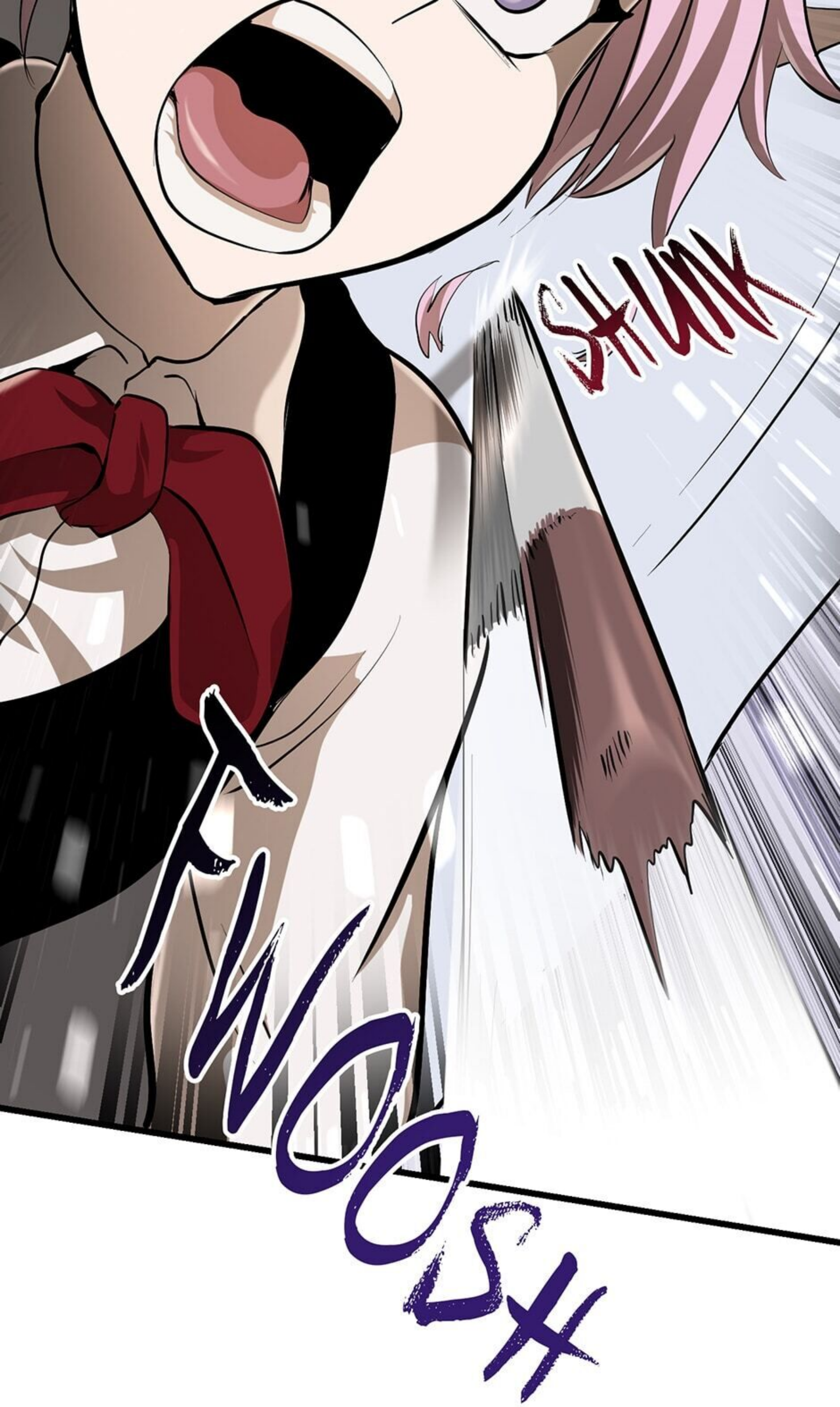
BUT RAONDEL...
YOU'RE NOT EATING MUCH AT ALL TODAY!
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HUNGRY AFTER SLEEPING FOR ALMOST TWO DAYS STRAIGHT...

GROWL

HAH! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!

I'LL NEVER FALL FOR YOUR TRICKS!!

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING HERE... YOU'RE FATTENING ME UP SO YOU CAN EAT ME! ISN'T THAT RIGHT?


SHIRK
WOOSH

FWOOOM

RAONDEL, YOU BRAT...

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO YOUR MOTHER LIKE THAT WHEN PAPA'S RIGHT HERE?!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S OUT OF YOUR MIND, VALTARAN!

SHCK
DON'T BE TOO HARSH, HONEY.

IT JUST TAKES LONGER FOR RAONDEL TO BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY

SINCE HE'S A HALF-ELF.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT... HE *IS* A HALF-ELF...

IF IT TAKES ME **LONGER**...

...DOES THAT MEAN I'LL EVENTUALLY BE CONTROLLED BY THAT MONSTER?

NO! OTHERS WILL COME AND SAVE ME...!
I JUST HAVE TO BE PATIENT UNTIL...
HERE COMES THE MAIN DISH~

EPH...
SHALA

EPHYR...?!

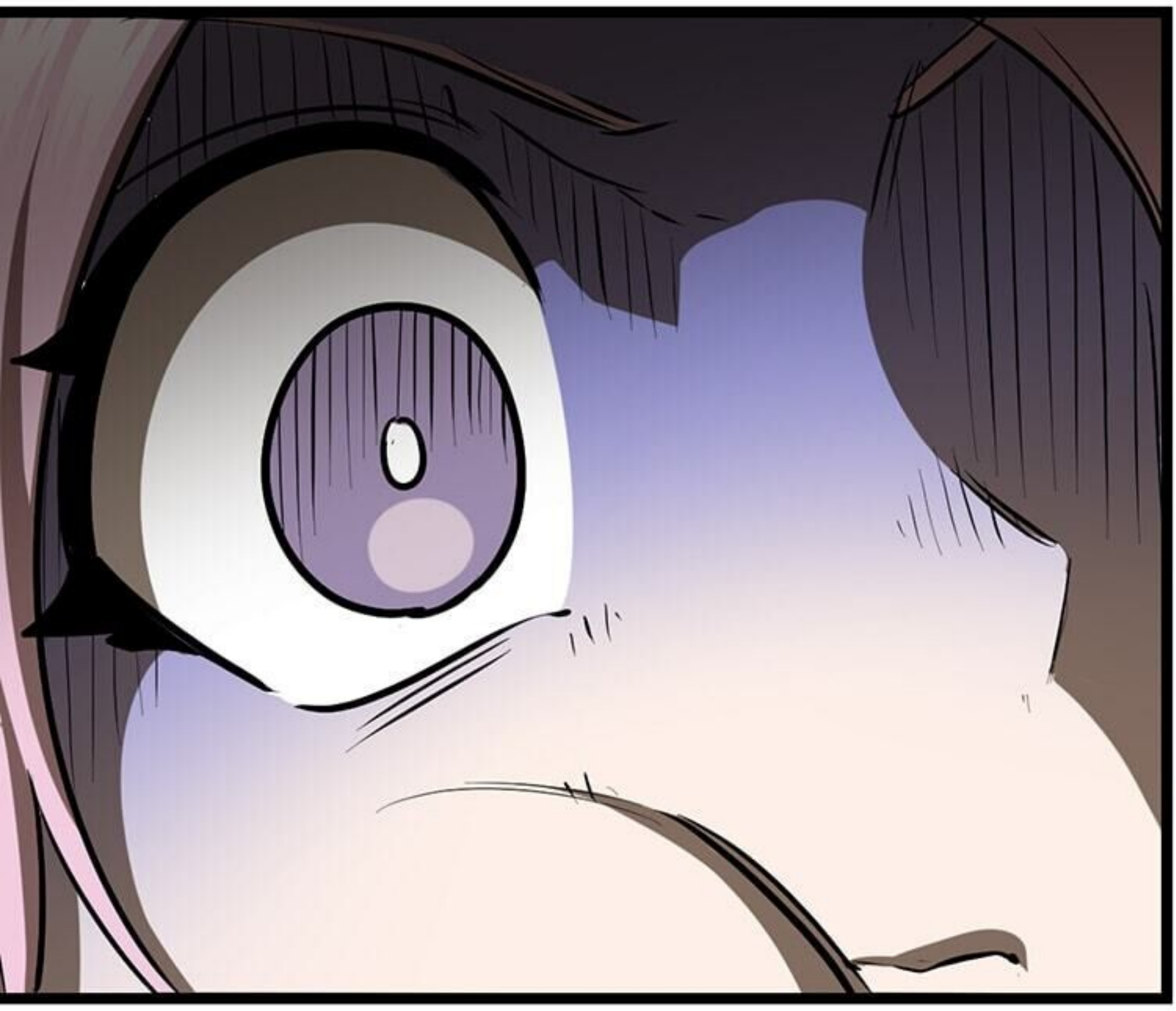
I'M EPHYR,
THE HEAD MAID!

HERE'S A
SPECIAL DISH FOR
OUR YOUNG MASTER, WHO
APPARENTLY LOST HIS
APPETITE!

...A SPECIAL DISH?

IT'S MADE OUT OF CLEANED-OUT PIG INTESTINES STUFFED WITH BLOOD BEFORE STEAMING THEM.

IT'S GOT
A VARIETY OF
TEXTURES!



WUUUP

RGH!
YOUNG MASTER!

CH-CHEF!!

Y-YES, MA'AM!!

OUR YOUNG MASTER CAN'T STAND THE SMELL OF THIS DISH! WHAT DID YOU DO TO IT?!

M-MY APOLOGIES...

BUT ALL I DID WAS TO FOLLOW THE MASTER'S INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO COOK THE PIG HE BROUGHT...

WHAT~?

THAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

I-I'M SORRY...!

SO... WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

EVEN SIR ARTIS...!
THAT IT'S OUR MASTER'S FAULT FOR ORDERING THIS STINKING PLATE OF PIG INSTESTINES?!

WHAT?!
SKP

BACK IN MY DAY, A SINGLE STRIP OF BLOOD SAUSAGE MADE OUT OF A DEMON DOG FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS WAS ENOUGH TO FILL ME UP!

THAT'S RIGHT~ WHEN I WAS IN THE ARMY, NO ONE WOULD DARE BRING THIS PIECE OF CRAP TO THE WYVERN BARN!

WAIT, HEAD MAID! WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?
I'M SORRY~!

I'M SORRY THAT
I'M SO USELESS...!

APOLOGIZE TO THE PIG YOU'VE COOKED!

EVERYONE'S... GONE MAD...!

SIR PIG! I'M SORRY!

DID YOU JUST CALL OUR YOUNG MASTER A PIG?!

IT'S ALL BECAUSE... I REFUSED TO GO BACK TO THE KINGDOM...

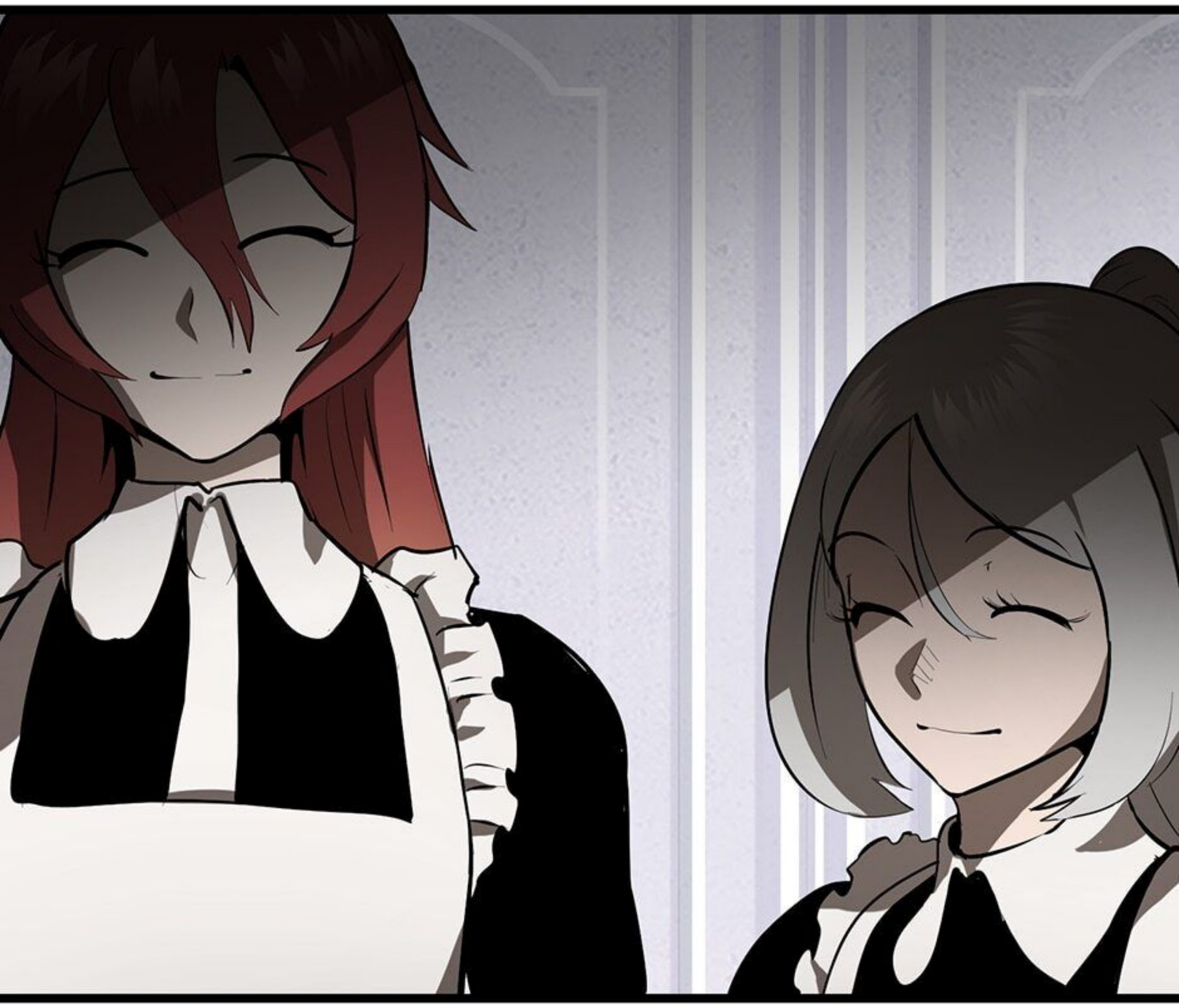
N-NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...

GIVE SOME RESPECT TO THE BLOOD SAUSAGE!

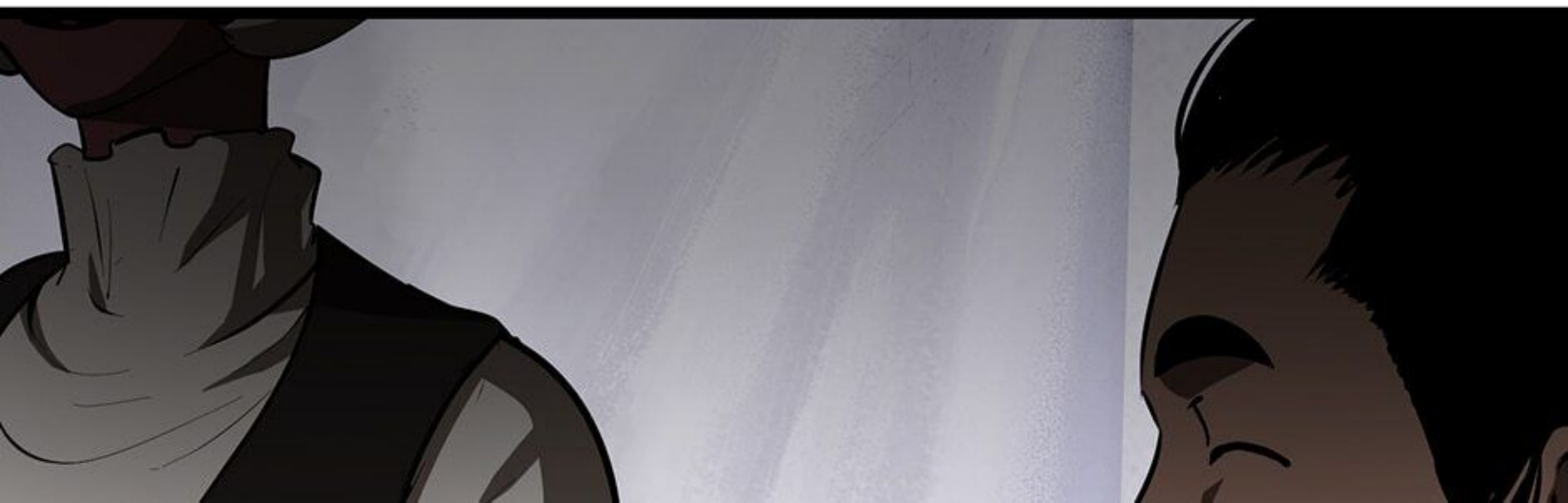
CLAP
CLAP

ENOUGH.

I WANT US TO
BE A HAPPY FAMILY.



BUT IF RAONDEL DOESN'T EAT... HE'LL SURELY STARVE TO DEATH!



OH, HOW DREADFUL IT MUST BE FOR A MOTHER WHO MUST WATCH HER CHILD DIE IN PAIN...

BUT FORCE-FEEDING A CHILD WOULD MAKE ME A BAD MOTHER TOO.

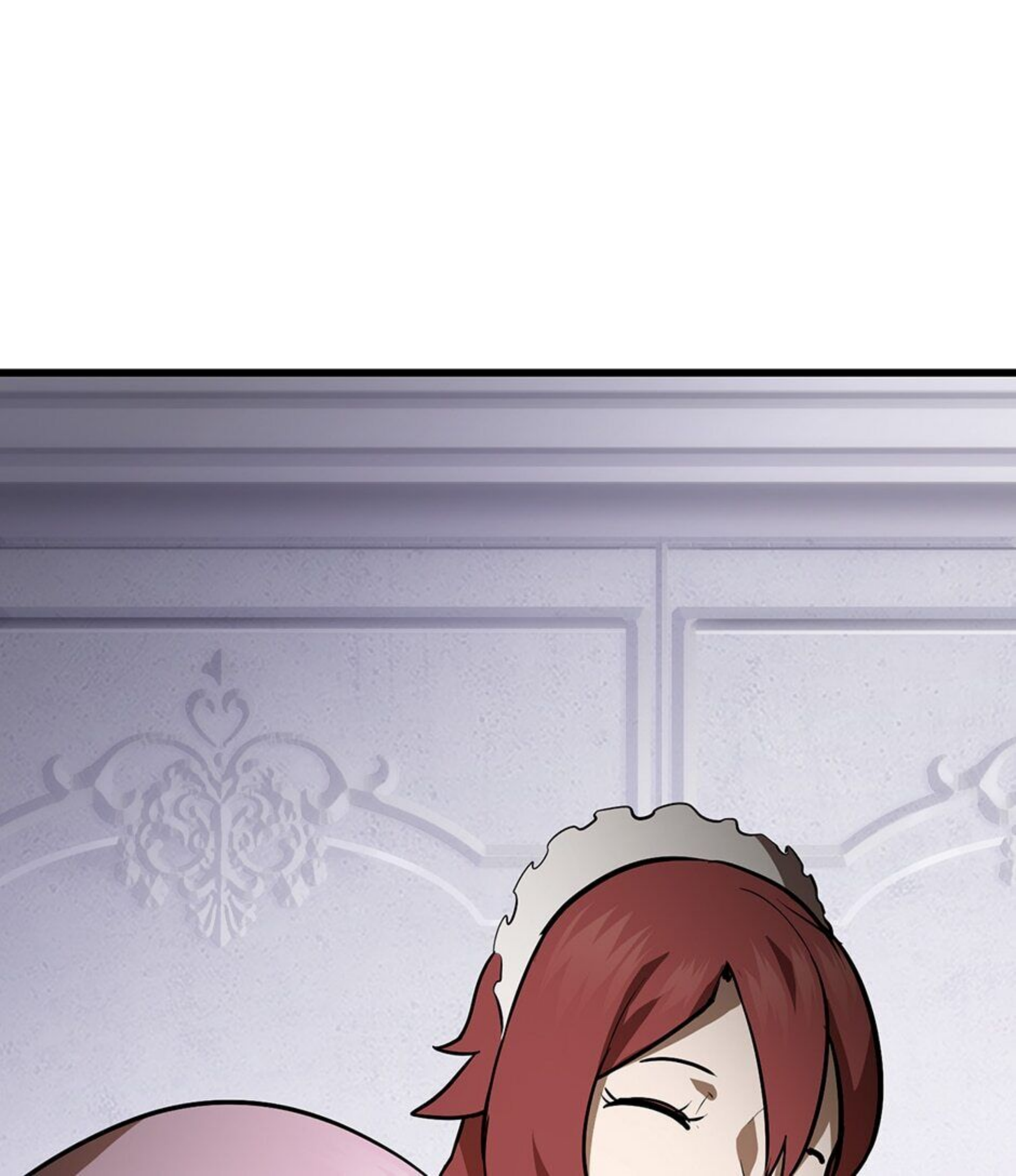
WHERE DID IT ALL GO WRONG?

RAISE

I BELIEVE IT'S MY FAULT FOR COOKING UP SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T TASTE GOOD!
IS THAT RIGHT?

THEN YOU'RE FIRED!
SHWOOF

PAUSE



I'LL EAT IT!
IT CAN'T BE
THAT BAD!

I'LL JUST THINK OF IT AS REGULAR PORK!
TAK

I'LL TELL MYSELF...
IT'S DELICIOUS... AND JUST
SWALLOW IT!

NOM

I CAN FEEL THE
SQUISHY MEMBRANE...

NOM

NOM

I CAN TASTE THE PERFECT SEASONING AND PEPPER...

WAIT...

*SUNDAE, OR BLOOD SAUSAGE, IS ONE OF KOREA'S MOST POPULAR SNACKS.

DAMN IT... AM I TURNING INTO ONE OF THEM...?

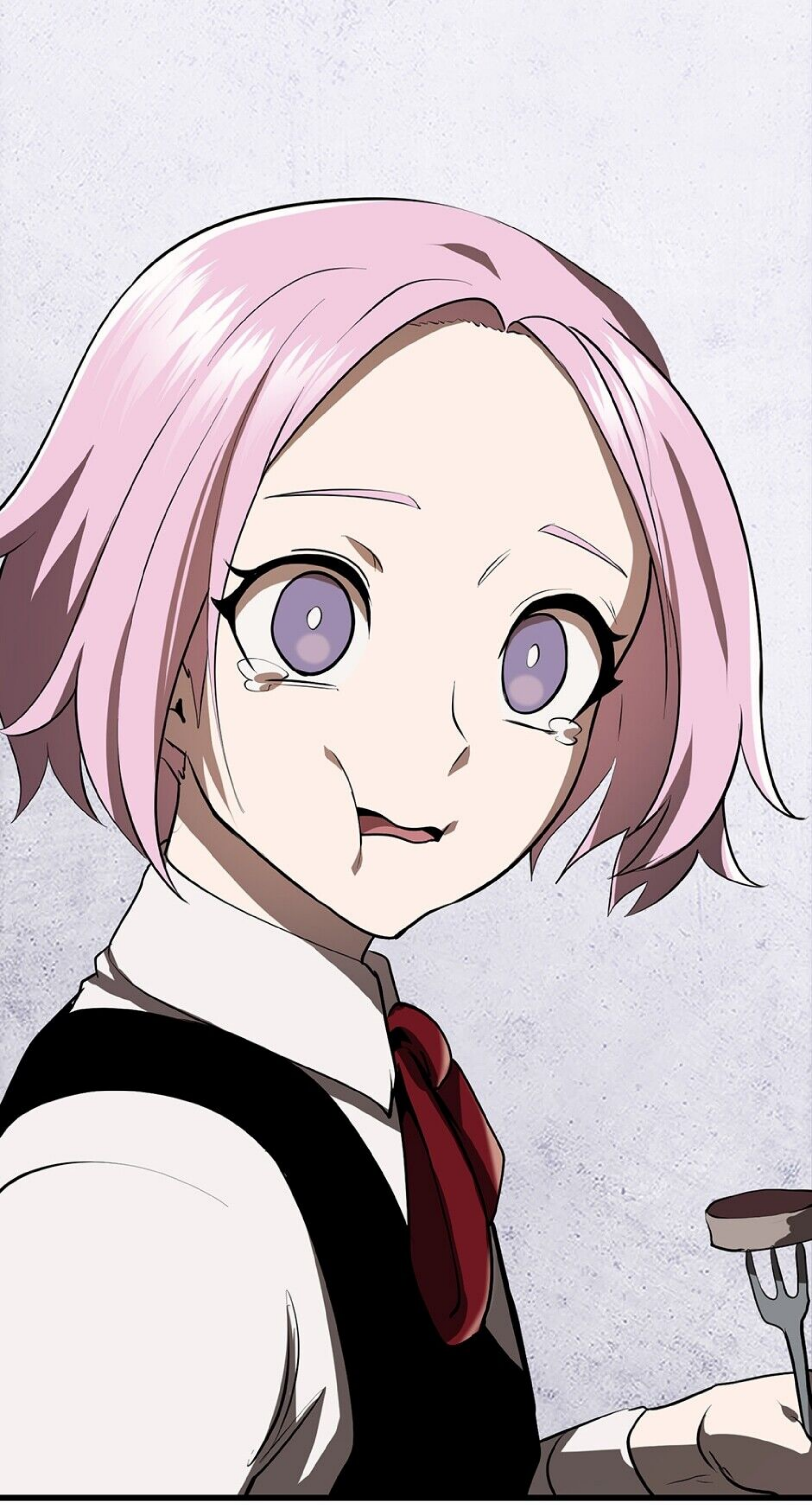
I NEED TO ESCAPE THIS TOWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...!

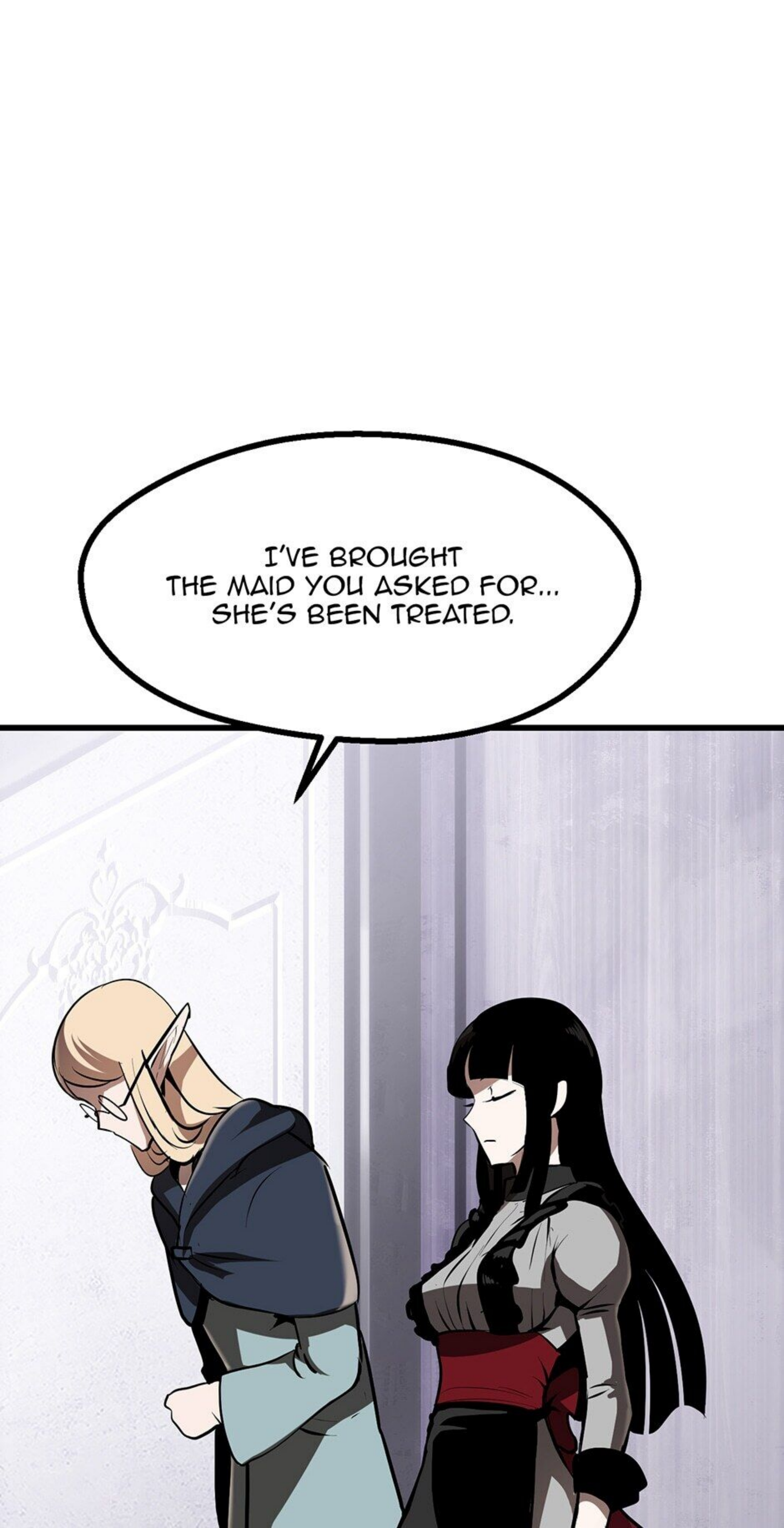
CREAK
PARDON ME.

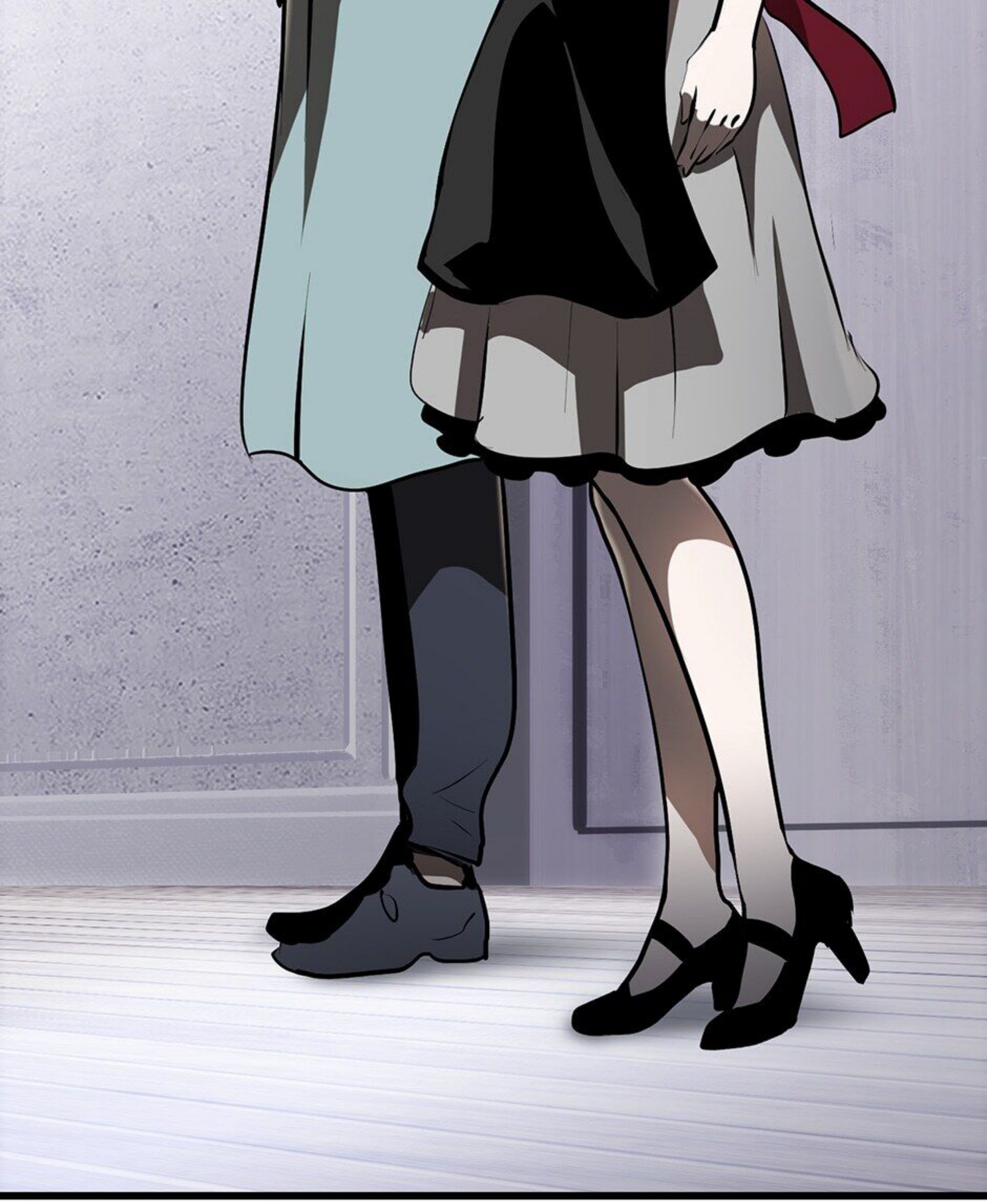
OH!

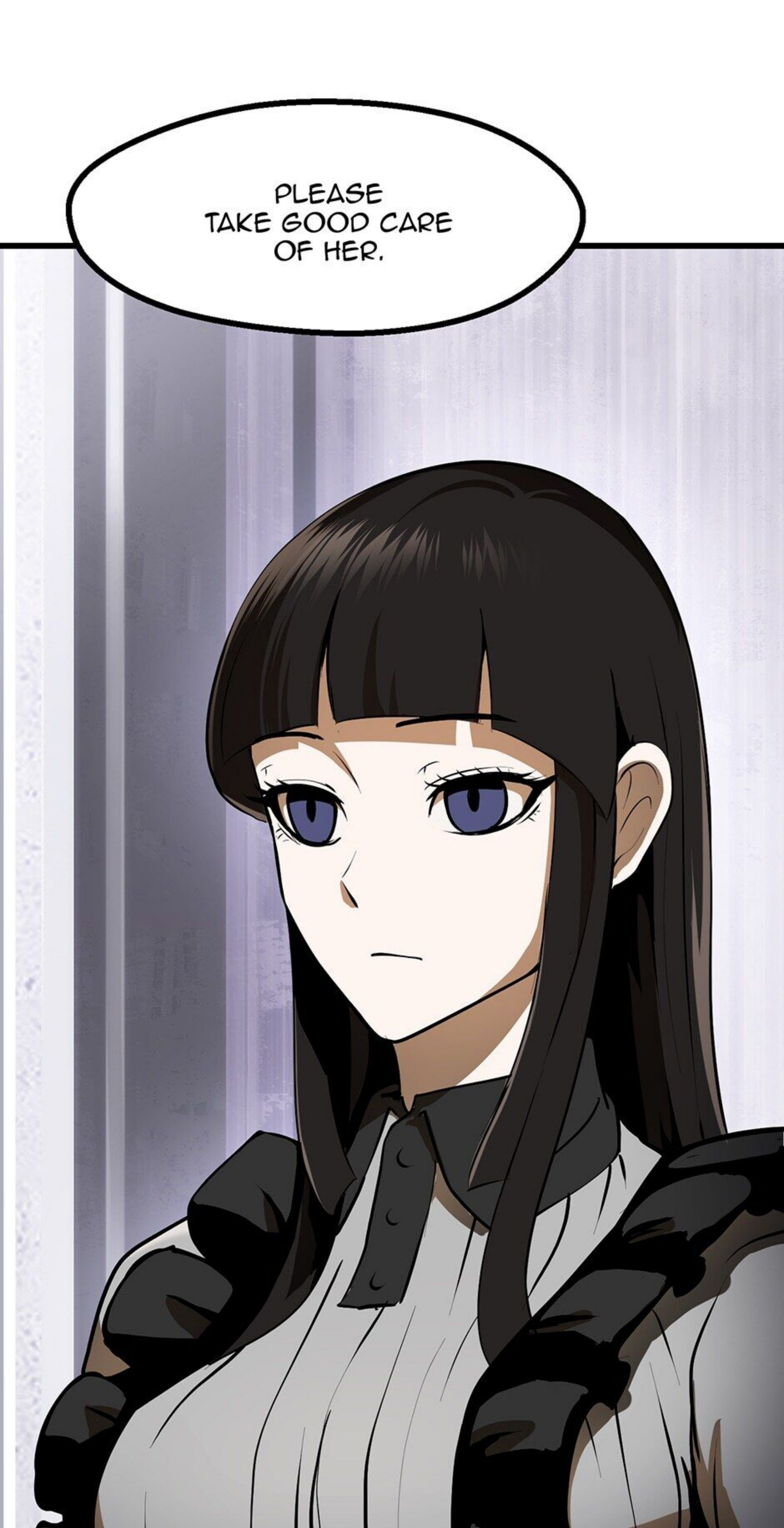
I GUESS SHE'S COMPLETELY HEALED NOW.

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT WE MIGHT NEED MORE HELP AROUND HERE.




I'VE BROUGHT
THE MAID YOU ASKED FOR...
SHE'S BEEN TREATED.




PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER.

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE